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# Employer of dead man hires new lawyer

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**➤ Siblings in PH want to claim decedent's $20,794 in bank account**

An employer, who was appointed as an administrator of the estate of Filipino electrician who has already died and left $20,794 in a bank account, hired attorney Joey P. San Nicolas as his new counsel in the probate matter.

San Nicolas filed Thursday in the Superior Court a notice of his appearance as counsel for Juan A. Gacayan, who is the administrator of the estate of decedent Eduardo Ocampo David.

San Nicolas requested the court to send to his office all pleadings and other papers in this probate.

Rosemond Santos was the original counsel for Gacayan. Santos withdrew as counsel last March 19. She did not indicate her reason.

With the withdrawal of Santos, Gacayan filed pro se, or without a lawyer, a petition for decree of final distribution last April 16. He told the court that upon David's instruction, the money should be distrib-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The late electrician Eduardo Ocampo David riding in a jeepney in this file photo during his vacation in the Philippines in 2018. David went back to Saipan, but he died on Oct. 15, 2018 after more than a week in the intensive care unit at the Commonwealth Health Center apparently after a heart attack. He left $20,794 in his savings account with the Bank of Guam.



MARC VENUS

From left, 2015 Miss Marianas Jian Joyner, 2019 Miss Marianas Shanon Sasamoto, 2018 Miss Marianas Celine Cabrera, and 2016 Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua pose for a photo after Sasamoto's coronation during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

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## Kilili: NMI healthcare needs to improve

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is optimistic that legislation introduced by Vermont Democrat Sen. Bernie Sanders would help improve the healthcare services in the territories like the CNMI. Sanders introduced H.R. 1354 along with seven other co-sponsors last Tuesday with the said legislation looking to put the territories the same at the federal level.

"Senator Sanders' bill is

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## Shannon Sasamoto is 2019 Miss Marianas

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Shannon Tudela Sasamoto was crowned the 2019 Miss Marianas at the pageant last Saturday night at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

Celine Cabrera, the 2018 Miss Marianas, handed over her tiara to the new queen, Sasamoto, who went head-to-head with five other young women for the crown.

Sasamoto is a 19-year-old student at the Northern Marianas College, and she is cur-

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Local

# Montano leads SSHS Class of 2019

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A total of 120 members of Saipan Southern High School's Class of 2019 received their diplomas last Thursday at the school's grounds.

Class valedictorian, Natalie Montano, encouraged her fellow graduates to open themselves to "new ideas, experiences, and people."

She recalled the lessons she learned from a Japanese anime film titled *Kiki's Delivery Service*. Montano believes that the adventures her and her fellow graduates will take will "strengthen [their] skills and affirm [their] passion."



REICA RAMIREZ

The top ten graduates of the 2019 class of Saipan Southern High School pose for a photo.

As she concluded her speech, Montano said, "Find your own inspiration. Though your path in life may twist and turn, the magic inside will always be constant."

Montano will pursue a major in environmental science.

Class salutatorian Ruth Park congratulated her fellow graduates for surviving "one of [the] most difficult moments in life."

Park compared her class to Typhoon Soudelor and Super Typhoon Yutu stating that "just like the intensity of the two typhoons, we started strong and we have ended stronger."

She expressed gratitude toward her teachers, counselors, friends, and family that supported and believed in her. "No one has ever pressured me to work hard for my grades. The only thing they did was believed in me," she added.



**Natalie Montano**
Valedictorian

Park also reminded her fellow graduates to be excited for their future and what lies ahead of them. She said, "Let's have faith. Let's be persistent. Let's be resilient."



**Ruth Park**
Salutatorian

She had so many feelings about being named the salutatorian. "I was so surprised, overwhelmed, happy, and honored to be the salutatorian," Park said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Park will pursue a major in biology at San Diego Mesa College.

Montano also received the Board of Education Award and the Governor's Leadership Award. Park also received the Commissioner of Education Award.

Patricia Aldan Atalig received the Principal's Award.

The top 10 highest honors were Montano, Park, Mark Reginald Villanueva, Ayessa Joy Navarro, Jobelle Tabuena, Marchie Lynn Sayas, Tomy Taitingfong, Kathleen Loise Lacanilao, Alexander Tudela, and George Michael Santos.




Tourism Topics
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## Ecotourism with Saipan Adventure

Founded in 2014, Saipan Adventure provides families and young travelers with tour activities including snorkeling at Grotto and hiking and snorkeling at Forbidden Island. While highlighting Saipan's precious natural resources, the company aims to ensure both staff and tourists keep in mind the importance of environmental conservation.

"These are some examples we provide to the tourists, TO DOs and NOT TO DOs during the activities," said tour guide and owner Micky Kim. "Smoke only in the designated area and do not throw the cigarette butts anywhere but in the trash can. Do not apply sun cream/sun protector/sun blocks when you get into the water—this will cause the contamination of ocean water. Do not throw the trash and leftover food anywhere—please keep the trash in the trash can only. Do not provide food, such as sausage, to the fish. (And) do not fish at Grotto or Forbidden Island."

In addition to giving tours, Saipan Adventure has also volunteered to help clean and improve the sites it uses, including cleaning the stairs and collecting trash at Grotto when they don't have customers.

"We started a few years back. No one asked us to do so, but I want to be a role model of other companies in the same fields because it is our place that we are running our business," said Kim.

The company also painted the Grotto parking lot, made a designated smoking area, and installed instructional signage for visitors. Following Super Typhoon Yutu, Saipan Adventure helped clear access to Grotto and Forbidden Is.

"Most of our company's guides are local," said Kim. "I hope to give more opportunities to young local friends and create a better travel culture. I would like to recommend for all of those who are not certified yet to take the (MVA Tour Guide Certification) program in order to get to know the importance of and how and what to do to conserve our environment."



# Minority welcomes Torres' public outreach

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House minority members Reps. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan) and Tina Sablan (Ind-Saipan) welcomed Gov. Ralph DLG Torres holding a public outreach this week and inform the community of the state of the Commonwealth's finances. The forum will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe.

Torres has invited the public to attend the said meeting where representatives from the administration will be making a presentation on the current economic and financial issues that the CNMI is facing, especially after the devastation brought by Super Typhoon Yutu in late October last year.

It is not yet known if Torres, Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, Finance Secretary David Atalig, or Office of Management and Budget special assistant Virginian Villagomez will be at the meeting. Press secretary Kevin Bautista said the administration will be releasing an updated press release within the week on who will be the guests in the public forum.

r Propst thanked the governor for cutting short his trip to Japan to meet with the people of the Commonwealth. "This is a good start, and forums and meetings with our people are always important. We have a major economic crisis on our hands and there are still a lot of unanswered questions."

"I sincerely hope he is open to visiting the Legislature along with his key cabinet members to answer our questions in the House and Senate. And of course, we would ensure it be broadcasted and open to the public. Working together does not mean we must agree on everything, but all legislators must have a seat at the table and that includes the Minority."

Propst, however, questioned a recent meeting by the governor and the leadership of the majority at the Legislature last Thursday. "On another note, we heard there were private meetings with the governor and the legislative leadership this morning, and once again the minority was not included. My question is, why?"

Sablan, who is also vocal in wanting to get answers from the administration, in a Facebook post also welcomed the governor's decision to hold the presentation. "It's good that he [Torres] is finally holding a public forum on June 20.

"And, I encourage all concerned citizens to attend and demand the answers we deserve. I know I have a list of questions we've asked in the legislature that have yet to be answered. I'm sure many others have theirs."

She said it has been an inspiring week with the various graduations being held in CNMI public schools. "We have plenty of reasons to celebrate the hundreds of young people reaching their educational milestones—the adversities they have overcome, especially this past year; the many ways they have grown in character, knowledge, and life experience; and the new chapters and opportunities that open up for them next."

"These students should reaffirm for us our commitment to make things right for the education system that is raising our children to be great citizens. Because the sobering truth right now is that our Public School System is on the verge of shutdown."

She added that PSS allotments was drastically cut where the agency is set to receive only $23 million or half of what was appropriated, would shut down the schools. "This drastic and devastating budget cut appears to be neither proportionate nor legal. It fails to meet the government's constitutional obligation to deliver 25 percent of general fund resources to PSS. We haven't seen funding levels like this for PSS in decades."

Sablan also accused Torres of publicly attacking PSS, which was uncalled for. "[It] should be acknowledged for what they plainly are: an attempt to deflect his own responsibility for the fiscal crisis affecting our public schools and many other critical services across our government. He is the governor. The buck stops with him."

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# Man who beat girlfriend with air gun sentenced to 1-year imprisonment

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The man who pleaded guilty to assault and battery after allegedly beating his girlfriend multiple times with an air gun was sentenced to a one-year jail term.

Anthony B. Cepeda, 49, was imposed the maximum sentence for assault and battery which is one year. However, the court suspended six months of his sentence and ordered he serve the remaining six. Cepeda was given credit for the 155 days he already served.

Cepeda will also serve three years of supervised probation and is ordered not to have contact with the victim.

Cepeda was initially charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace but after pleading guilty to assault and battery, the two other charges was waived.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, police responded to a reported stabbing incident on Dec. 23, 2018, at 11:55am involving Cepeda and his girlfriend. Police and medics responded and met with a male, later identified as Cepeda. Cepeda had a small laceration under his left armpit but he refused medical treatment. He claimed he was the victim in the incident, but further investigation alleged that Cepeda's girlfriend stabbed him after he allegedly assaulted her with the butt of an air gun.

A female at the scene, who later identified herself as Cepeda's girlfriend, reportedly appeared to have scratch marks on her lower extremity, according to police observation.

Cepeda told police that his girlfriend pushed him out and tried to lock him out of their home. Cepeda said he then shoved the door open, walked over to his girlfriend, and shouted profanities at her.

Cepeda's girlfriend told police that after the verbal altercation, he entered the residence and took what appeared to be a rifle, but was later identified to be an air gun, and pointed it at her.

Cepeda's girlfriend continued to tell police that Cepeda later turned the gun on its butt and proceeded to hit her legs with it about 10 times.

Cepeda's girlfriend told police that she was in so much pain and was shouting at Cepeda to stop and in an attempt to stop him from hitting her, she grabbed what was believed to be a knife and swung at Cepeda, causing him to stop hitting her and allowing her to run.

# Leepan: Enforcement can produce revenues

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Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) said strict enforcement of CNMI public laws can produce revenues for the government, especially at a time when the Torres administration is experiencing problems with their finances.

Guerrero, the House Commerce and Tourism Committee chairman, told *Saipan Tribune* that some members of the administration's official family—especially the Cabinet secretaries—must be responsible in enforcing Commonwealth laws in order to collect the necessary fees and fines.

He even recalled that there was a student from Rota during this year's Attorney General's Cup that highlighted this. "This student used an analogy where we [CNMI] have so many laws in place for collection but we are lacking enforcement."

"That's an embarrassment when high school students are debating the issue and bringing in such vital information that we have too many laws but enforcement is absent."

Guerrero even suggested that heads of each agency, department, or division should have a research team to research some of the CNMI's public laws in order to see if they are being violated here in order to collect the needed fees and fines.

He also lauded Finance Secretary David Atalig in forming a task force in order to collect the needed taxes and go after the tax dodgers. "The task force should check those who are doing business here illegally and collect the proper taxes. We need to be mindful of that."

"Finance has to enforce the laws. Revenue and Taxation need to sit down and figure out how many public laws from previous Legislatures that have been violated, to see if fees and fines must be imposed, and start collecting those. We should start enforcing and imposing penalties."

Guerrero gave the sudden rise of Airbnb's—legal or not—as an example especially with Public Law 20-30, which he introduced, as a legislation that added these establishments that must pay the hotel occupancy tax since they also provide accommodations.

"Finance should go all out to enforce and collect the proper taxes for the CNMI government. In this time and age, we have these budget issues and this [Airbnb's] is a huge income for the CNMI government," said Guerrero.

"Why do we continue enacting legislation when enforcement is a big issue? It seems like nobody wants to enforce it? Responsible agencies must conform to public laws and enforce it. I don't see the rationale that we have a source of income but we can't even enforce it?"

He said that it is easy to enforce the taxes for big hotels like Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan and the Hyatt Regency Saipan since they are visible and known hotels on the island. "How about these Airbnb's? Which, I would probably say that they are almost 1,000?"

"We need to have Finance and Revenue and Taxation to have their personnel go out there and really enforce this law. They must reach out to these Airbnb's and say, 'listen, we have a public law that sets regulations that we need to collect your taxes on your business.'"

# No leads in Kagman farm burglary

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The Department of Public Safety reports that there are no leads yet on the suspect of the recent burglary that happened in a Kagman farm over the weekend.

According to DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan, the department had no leads to report as of 12pm yesterday on the suspect of the burglary.

DPS continues to investigate the burglary and for anyone who may have information on the incident, feel free to contact the CNMI Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272.

Stolen items include a Makita chop saw, a bush cutter, a chainsaw, a Craftsman tool box set, a Dewalt router, a Dewalt grinder, a 5-gallon fuel container, a 220V ARC welding machine, a roll trimming line, and more.

According to a press release, on June 11 at about 8:13am, the CNMI Department of Public Safety received a 911 call regarding a burglary at the CNMI Ma'afala Breadfruit Farm in Kagman and dispatched officers to the scene.

At about 8:34am, officers arrived on scene and met with two individuals who worked at the farm.

The first individual stated that he arrived at the farm and began conducting his routine check of the area when he noticed that one of the metal containers looked to be open.

The second individual then called 911 after discovering that a number of farm tools were missing.

Both individuals noticed that the rear window of their government vehicle that was parked at the farm had been smashed open.

As they approached the vehicle, they noticed another container had been forcefully opened as well.

## EMPLOYER

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uted to him.

Gacayan in court documents said he is the employer and family friend of David.

He said the 60-year-old David, who has never been married and has no children, died without leaving any will.

Gacayan said David died without any debts.

As this developed, former United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said yesterday that David's sister, Gina David Cuenco, who is based in the Philippines, called her Thursday upon learning about the news article in *Saipan Tribune* that Gacayan filed a petition before the court to inherit the $20,794.

Adaza said Cuenco and her other siblings will claim the money.

Adaza said it was her and the Office of the Honorary Philippine Consul to the CNMI who facilitated the papers to transport David's remains to the family in the Philippines last November.

David died at the Commonwealth Health Center on Oct. 15, 2018 after a heart attack.

Adaza said they were able to send the remains only last November because Super Typhoon Yutu struck Saipan last Oct. 24 and 25.

Adaza said months before his death, David went to the Philippines and informed his siblings that he wanted to go back to Saipan just to withdraw his money.

Apparently soon after returning to Saipan, David suffered a heart attack. He died after more than a week in the intensive care unit at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Elmer Pineda, an employee of Kensington Hotel, said Thursday that he visited David several times at CHC.

Pineda said David's closest relative on Saipan is cousin Alex Ocampo, an employee of GPPC, Inc.

Pineda said David, whom he believes started working on Saipan in 1989, worked for two years at Nikko Hotel (former Kensington Hotel).

He said David also worked on Tinian before.

Pineda said he knew David because their families stay in the same place in Pampanga, Philippines.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho ordered Gacayan to appear at the June 20 hearing and explain how a non-family individual can inherit money from a decedent without a will.

Aside from Cuenco, David had five other siblings—Olivia O. David, Elizabeth D. Sta. Ana, Avelino O. David, Marlene O. David, and Monalisa O. David.

## SHANNON

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rently pursuing a degree in Business Management. She also spends time as a volunteer at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School.

Sasamoto, as Miss Marianas, plans to be a big part of the community and raise awareness of the environment. She also intends to hold seminars in elementary schools in hopes of the culture of the CNMI can better the environment.

She noted that the most challenging part of her journey to being Miss Marianas is her mindset, as she tends to be "very hard on herself" and she thanks her pageant sisters for helping her overcome this challenge.

Sasamoto's role model is her mother and her motto is: "To take risks; the only ones that fail are those that never try."

She won $1,000 for her Miss Marianas win and a free use of a 2019 Hyundai Kona for one year, courtesy of Triple J Motors.

"I am ready for whatever comes to me," Sasamoto added.

Sasamoto was also awarded the Best in Swimwear for her poise, presentation, figure, and physical fitness.

Coming in as first runner-up was Sharon Palacios. Palacios was also awarded a cash prize of $800, the Marianas Gem "People's Choice" award, and Miss Photogenic by the media.

Completing the top three was Riane Capalad, who received a cash prize of $400, the Tresemme Best Hair Award, and the Miss Friendship Award.

Dierra Palacios was awarded the prestigious Stellar Star Award, Best in National Costume, and Best in Evening Wear awards.

The remaining 2019 Miss Marianas contestants who competed for the tiara were Junalyn Billedo and Merly-Ann Fernandez.

## KILILI

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something I support for the Northern Marianas. It is, as a matter of fact, a position I have taken for years," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* in an email.

"Having said that, the legislation alone wouldn't make us eligible for a state like share of the [Federal Medical Assistance Percentage] or give us full eligibility into a state like Medicaid program."

Sablan added, "Our health system needs to provide or improve the standard of care services it provides to the general population, and to Medicaid beneficiaries. And while that may take a few years, yes, it is something I support."

Sanders, in a statement, said that is not right that a wealthy nation like the U.S. allowed its citizens to suffer. "The full resources of the United States must be brought to bear on this crisis, for as long as is necessary."

"We must go forward to ensure a strong health care system in all the territories and address inequities in federal law that have allowed the territories to fall behind in almost every measurable social and economic criteria," added Sanders, who is one of the 24 Democrats that are hoping to earn their party's nomination to challenge Trump in 2020.

Early this month, H.R. 268, or the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2019, passed the Senate with an 85-5 vote and is now headed to President Donald J. Trump for his signature. Rep. Nita M. Lowey (D-NY, 17) introduced the bill, which passed the house with a 354-58 margin.

Sablan said H.R. 268, which guarantees an additional $129.6 million in disaster relief aid for the CNMI, had $36 million made available for the Marianas Medicaid program while another $25.2 million for food aid.

"Behind the scenes negotiations produced another $56 million for solid waste facilities and $10.4 million for sewer and water infrastructure. Together with $2 million to help the Commonwealth with managing all this money, that is a total of $129.6 million—just for the [Commonwealth]," added Sablan in a previous statement.

Guam also earned a 100-percent medical assistance percentage in the $19.1-billion disaster aid bill [H.R. 268] that Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero also welcomed. "Our administration has been seeking Congressional support of our Medicaid funding issues."

"We have sent letters, testified before Congress, and met with numerous Federal officials and agencies. We will continue to fight for equitable and fair treatment of Guam and the other U.S. Territories on these and all other matters," said Deleon Guerrero, who is currently in Colorado for the Western Governors' Association meeting, in a separate statement.

# Cavanagh says China advisory worrisome



FERDIE DE LA TORRE
Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Marian Aldan-Pierce, center, presides over a board meeting last Wednesday in which they discussed, among other things, MVA's financial status. At Aldan-Pierce's left is MVA board vice chair Gloria Cavanagh.

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Marianas Visitors Authority board vice chair Gloria Cavanagh said if an advisory is strictly enforced about China warning its citizens to stop visiting the United States amid the trade tensions between the two countries, it will have a greater effect to the CNMI than to Hawaii.

In an interview last Wednesday, Cavanagh said Hawaii has so many visitors that come from everywhere including the U.S. mainland.

She said the effect to Hawaii is not going to be as bad compared to the CNMI, where the Chinese market is actually 40 percent.

**» Means CNMI needs to work harder in promoting to other markets**

"So, this is something that you know we actually no control of because it deals with Washington, D.C. and with the tariff war," said Cavanagh who is also the president of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

According to KITV.com, with the latest advisory from the China government, Hawaii, just like the CNMI, might take a direct hit.

Describing the advisory as worrisome, Cavanagh said this just means that MVA has to work harder not just with the China market but also Korea and Japan markets.

She said MVA having this arrears and not being able to collect the hotel occupancy tax that Public Law 18-1 had given the agency for its operation and promotion then it just makes it more difficult.

"We are just pleading with the Legislature and with the administration that they need to think outside the box, not just today but for the future," she said.

Cavanagh said if there is any way that the CNMI is going to get out of this austerity measures quickly then the government must make sure that they put the money in an area that links for the economy.

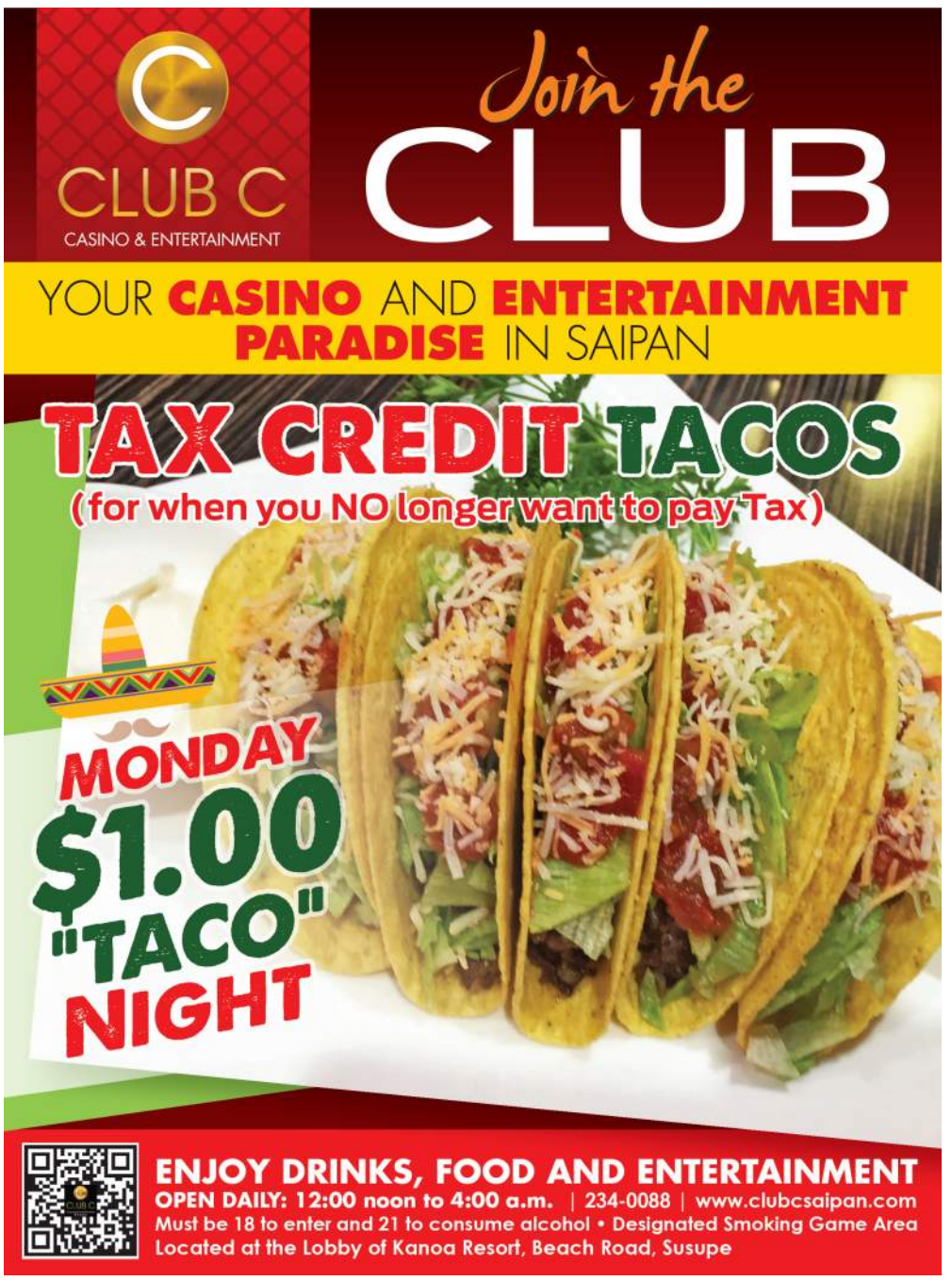
"Yes, we feel for all the other agencies and we are not saying that we are more important. But we are saying that in order to make money you need to spend money in MVA," she said.

Cavanagh said this month, Korea arrivals may have gone over China, but since Super Typhoon Yutu's destruction last October, China has been the top market for the CNMI and Korea was the secondary market.

The MVA vice chair said the Legislature needs to know that if they want government employees to be out of austerity measures there is a need to promote the CNMI destination.

"Our only economic driver is tourism," she stressed.

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In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot 117 D 08 and Lot 117 D 14 containing an area of approximately 15,426 square meters, more or less, situated in Puerto Rico, Saipan.Copies of the location of the parcels are available at the Department of Public Lands and website www.dpl.gov.mp for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. The list of officers for Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. are Mr. Norman T. Tenorio, as President, Mr. Peter Michael P. Tenorio, as Vice-President, Mr. Clarence T. Tenorio, as Secretary/ Treasurer and Mr. Michael T. Demapan, as General Manager and Mr. Lee Christopher Cabrera, as Assistant General Manager.

iii. The proposed lease is compliant with DPL regulations and was negotiated by the officers and directors of Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc., mainly Mr. Michael T. Demapan and Mr. Lee Christopher Cabrera.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for the purpose of chasis, equipments and container storage.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term of each lease agreement is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property plus the applicable percentage of Business Gross Receipts in DPL's regulation.

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; 1st floor of the De'Ana Commercial Building, Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian. A copy will also be available online at www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Puerto Rico, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before June 21,2019 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

## NUTISIAN I MAPROPONI NA ATKILON TÅNU´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106 (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku mannåna'i guini nutisia put i intensiona para u atkilå finitmi na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas. Maseha håyi na pattida ni intirisao gi hålum henerål pupbliku siña muna'hålum upiñon, infotmasion, pat testimoniun kinontra gi tinahguin prinoponi siha para i atkilon nu i tanu' pupbliku. Kumu mapribeni mås mo'na ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin na imfotmasion manisisita para u mapupblika.

i. I maproponi na atkilon tanu' pupbliku madiskribi kumu Lot 117 D 08 yan Lot 117 D 14 ni konsisisti kåsi15,426 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi gi Puerto Rico, giya Saipan. I kopian pattin i lugåt managuaha gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku yan website gi www.dpl.gov.mp para inspeksion

ii. I prospective lessee i Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. Ilistan nu i ufisiåt siha para i Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. si Siñot Norman T. Tenorio, kumu Presidenti, Siñot Peter Michael P. Tenorio, kumu Sigundu na Presidenti, Siñot Clarence T. Tenorio, kumu Sekritåriu/Tresuråriu yan Siñot Michael T. Demapan, kumu General Manager yan si Siñot Lee Christopher Cabrera, kumu Assistant General Manager.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon ha tattiyi i regulasion DPL siha yan manegosiu ginin i ufisiåt yan direktot nu i Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc., mayutmentu ginin as Siñot Michael T. Demapan yan si Siñot Lee Christopher Cabrera.

iv. I lessee debi na u usa i lugåt put atyu ha' na rason nu i chasis, aparatos siha yan sagan pine'lun kosas.

I tema nu i maproponina kontråtan atkilon sa benti singku (25) åñus na tiempu.

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v. I kopian nu i maproponi na Kontråtan Atkilon siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Sekritårian, Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, gaigi gi sigundu (2nd) na bibiendan i Joeten Dandan Commercial Building iya Dandan,Saipan, primet (1st) na bibiendan De'Ana Commercial Building, iya Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet (1st) na bibiendan i Kings Commercial Building, giya Tini'an. I kopia debi lokkui' na managuaha online gi www.dpl.gov.mp

vi. I Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya marisibi ni håfa na tinahguin inofresi siha ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu na tanu' pupbliku gi Puerto Rico, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårian Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku ha aksesepta tinigi' upiñon, infotmasion, testimoniun kinontra pat tinahguin prinoponi siha ginin i manintirisåo na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Huniu 21, 2019 gi ufisinan Dipåttamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi giya Saipan, Luta pat Tini'an.

## ARONGORONG REEL POMMWOL ATKKILÓÓNOL FALUWEER TOULAP

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ii. Schóól Atkkilóón nge Saipan Stevedore Company Inc. Officers nge Mr. Norman T. Tenorio, igha ii President, Mr. Peter Michael P. Tenorio, igha ii Vice President, Mr. Clarence T. Tenorio, Igha ii Sekkretóóriyo/Treasurer me Mr. Michael T. Demapan, igha ii General Manager me Mr. Lee Christopher Cabrera, igha ii Assistant General Manager.

iii. Pommwol Atkkilóón nge e compliant ngáli mwóghutughutúl DPL e ppwol sángi officers me directors sángi Saipan Stevedore Company, Inc., spesiátmente Mr. Michael T. Demapan me Mr. Lee Christopher Cabrera.

iv. Schóól Atkkilóón ebwe yááyá falúw bwulul chasis, peiráágh me leliyál isiisil pisegh.

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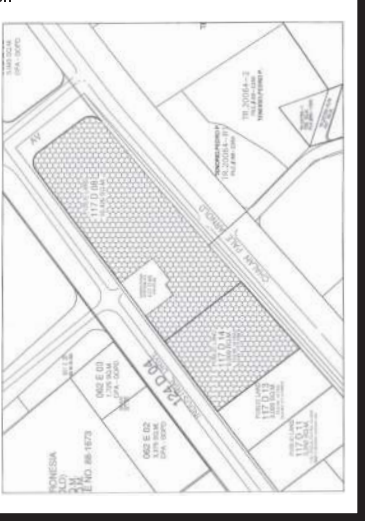
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vi. Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap rese bweibwogh pommw iye re siiweli ngáli Atkkilóón iye e lo weiláng reel faluweer toulap me Puerto Rico, Seipél.

vii. Sekkretóóriyal Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap emmwelil bweibwogh ischil mángemáng, views, angii ngáre pommw iye re siiweli sángi schóókka re mwuschel wóól ngáremmwalil Unnyo 21, 2019 me Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Faluweer Toulap me Seipél, Luuta, ngáre Tchiliyól.



# Bill seeks to establish OMB within Finance

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Sablan

Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan (Ind-Saipan) has introduced legislation that would establish the Office of Management and Budget within the Department of Finance. OMB, currently, is under the Office of the Governor with Virginia Villagomez as special assistant.

Senate Bill 21-33 would repeal Sections 101 and 201(d) of Executive Order 94-3, which established OMB under the executive branch. The legislation finds that there has been conflict or discrepancies between OMB and Finance Department when it comes to the government's annual operating budget and other matters about the CNMI's finances.

The bill, if it passes the House without amendments and signed by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, would remove OMB from the Governor's Office and would establish the Division of Management and Budget under the Finance Department with a director as its head.

The director will supervise the daily operations and will be responsible for all matters in managing the budget, but will be directly under the Finance secretary.

Finance currently has seven divisions, namely: Revenue and Taxation, CNMI Treasury, Finance and Accounting, Customs Service, Procurement and Supply, Electronic Data Processing, and the CNMI Passport Office.

Lt. Gov. Arnold I. Palacios, when he was the Senate president in the 20th Legislature, introduced another legislation—S.B. 20-1—that aims to create Revenue and Taxation as a separate department under the Executive branch.

S.B. 20-1 remained under review with the House Judicial and Governmental Operations Committee, after House legal counsel John Cool advised the members that creating another department is not possible since it would exceed the number as stated in the CNMI Constitution.

Finance is one of the 10 departments under the Executive branch including Commerce, Community and Cultural Affairs, Labor, Lands and Natural Resources, Public Lands, Public Works, Public Safety, Corrections, and Fire and Emergency Management Services.

Sablan said having OMB as a division under Finance is a way to re-structure the government's financial procedures. "In different economic states or positions, jurisdictions may see the need to re-structure the finance and budgeting systems and procedures."

"In light of our current financial position, we see the need to streamline the process to become more efficient in the future actions of the legislature especially during the annual budget process."

He added, "This bill does not eliminate the OMB, it simply streamlines the operations under the direction of the Secretary of Finance opposed to having dual structure. The primary intent of SB 21-33 aims to provide more consistency in the forecasting and management of public funds."

# Ex-Dynasty workers ordered why claims vs Mega Stars shouldn't be dismissed

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Manglona

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday ordered the 15 former foreign workers of the defunct Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino to explain why the claims in their lawsuit against the management of Tinian Dynasty should not be dismissed.

Manglona gave the former workers of Tinian Dynasty no later than this Friday, June 21, to show cause in writing why all claims against the remaining defendant, Mega Stars Overseas Limited, should be dismissed and the case closed.

The judge issued the show-cause order considering that she had already entered last June 7 a default judgment against the other defendant, Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments Ltd., which owns Tinian Dynasty.

The default judgment awarded the 15 former workers $800,168 in compensatory and punitive damages in connection with their lawsuit against HKE and Mega Stars.

In granting the plaintiffs' request for a default judgment, Manglona found HKE liable to pay them as to their claims for fraudulent concealment and wrongful termination.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Samuel Mok, sued HKE and Mega Stars for allegedly lying to them that they were legally authorized to work despite the denial of their CW-1 petitions.

Majority of the 15 plaintiffs have lived in the CNMI for many years and have children who are U.S. citizens.

The plaintiffs asked the court to issue a default judgment holding HKE and Mega Stars liable to pay them $4.2 million in damages.

Both defendants HKE and Mega Stars previously defaulted in this case and did not appear at the May 9, 2019 hearing, although they have been notified.

Mok told the court they were not pursuing default judgment on their claim for negligent misrepresentation at this time. They, however, reserved their right to pursue default judgment on their claims against defendant Mega Stars at a later date.

In the default judgment, Manglona said as to the claim for fraudulent concealment, plaintiffs have shown by a preponderance of the evidence that HKE actively concealed various notices and warnings issued by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that the CW-1 petitions filed on behalf of the plaintiffs were likely to be denied because USCIS did not view HKE as a "legitimate employer."

Tinian Dynasty's casino operation stopped in August 2015. The hotel operation halted in March 2016.

# SHRM meeting to tackle EQ in the workplace

The Society for Human Resource Management-NMI Chapter invites the public to its general membership meeting on June 20, 2019, at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's beginning at 11am.

The meeting will feature University of Guam's Dr. John Rivera discussing emotional intelligence in the workplace.

The presentation includes Giovanni's lunch buffet at the cost of $20 for SHRM members and $30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68. ***(PR)***

# Hyatt Charity Golf Classic awards five beneficiaries




BEA CABRERA

The 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's beneficiaries namely Make-A-Wish Foundation, 500 Sails, NMI Rollers Basketball Association, Isla Montessori School, and 4H Marianas with Hyatt Regency Saipan management and staff.

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Hyatt Regency Saipan hosted its 23rd Annual Charity Golf Classic last month at Laolao Bay Golf & Resort and last Wednesday at Giovanni's Restaurant, $68,000 in proceeds from the event were awarded to five beneficiaries—Make-A-Wish Foundation, 500 Sails, NMI Rollers Basketball Association, Isla Montessori School, and 4H Marianas.

Hyatt general manager Nick Ishikawa said that they owe the success of the event to the community. "We have been organizing this tournament for 20 years and this is unique to Hyatt because I don't think any other company is running an event like this for event that long."

"Hyatt Regency Saipan is doing this because of the people on the island," he added.

Make-A-Wish Foundation helps children below 18 with critical illness was awarded $20,000 and the Foundation's volunteers Wendi Herring of Fiesta Resort & Spa and Jay Santos of Triple J were present to accept the check.

"This is my second year to volunteer and we are truly grateful for this….I am so impressed with your team work in putting together this amazing event," Herring said.

Santos said that Hyatt has been a consistent contributor to the betterment of the CNMI. "Everyone is aware that Hyatt is a great company that is actively involved with our community not only with his tournament but with so many other things."

"I think we can all support their endeavors in trying to get their lease. We need companies like Hyatt here in our community and I hope this administration can move that forward," he added.

500 Sails is involved with preserving the maritime culture of the CNMI and providing free swimming lessons to the community was awarded $12,000. 500 Sails president Emma Perez said they are honored that the things that are doing for the community is being recognized.

Her husband and 500 Sails executive director Peter Perez said that this award came at a perfect time. "We are finishing up and at the tail end of a development grant that funded our programs and now we need to be self-sustaining… the timing of this is really good as this is want we needed," he said.

"We are committed to improve the health of the community to hold on culture and develop lost culture through the maritime tradition and like Hyatt, we are here in the CNMI for the long haul," he added.

Isla Montessori, which opened its doors last year, was awarded $12,000 and owner and educator Susan Book was overwhelmed with Hyatt's support. "We are going to send some children to school now as this award will provide us with a funding that we can raise scholarships and tuition assistance to children who may not have been able to experience Montessori education like we are providing," she said.

NMI Rollers Basketball Association is a non-profit organization that helps set up programs for the youth. Coach Joe Diaz said that the organization has been at work for 20 years now to keep the youth out of trouble.

NMI Rollers board officer Juan Dela Cruz said that the award is like an early Christmas gift." One of our programs for this year include opening a new age group for children ages 8-10 this summer. Our home gym in Koblerville sustained some damage after Super Typhoon Yutu and with this amount we can make some changes to improve the facility in serving the commonwealth youth."

Fifth recipient 4H Marianas makes sure to engage the youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development was awarded $12,000.

"I've been with 4H for nine years and our overall goal is to empower the youth. I started as a camper and because I was inspired by my counselors, I also I became one. Now I am the president and we will continue to have programs that helps the youth build leadership skills," Alyssa Attao said.

Hyatt Food and Beverage director Ty Pauling thanked the sponsors, golf players and the Hyatt hotel staff and volunteers who made the tournament successful. "They are key to us getting this done and we remain with our purpose of enhancing the quality of life of those in need within our community."

# Free family movie nights this summer

This summer, Saipan Vegas invites the community to join them for free Outdoor Family Movie Night with free popcorn and drinks every Friday at the Saipan Vegas Golf Course for the school holidays.

The launch of the movie night was this Friday, June 14, from 6pm to 9pm. The event featured an entertainment at 6:30pm by Saipan Studio 29:11 Dance Group and a magic performance by Neil Fama before the screening of the *Aquaman* movie at 7pm.

"We are aware that many families [on] Saipan are still having a tough time since [Super] Typhoon Yutu, and these are trying times for many, so we would like to give families [on] Saipan a chance to have fun family night together," said Gus Noble, MP Holdings consultant.

Movie nights are open to all ages and they should bring their own chairs or mats. ***(PR)***

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# Judge dismisses Guerrero's claims, but allows him to amend

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The federal court has dismissed the claims against an inmate and several current and former Department of Corrections officials and employees contained in a lawsuit filed by former Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair Francisco Q. Guerrero, who has been serving a six-year prison term for sexual abuse of a minor girl.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed without prejudice Guerrero's claim against inmate John Kileleman and granted Guerrero's request to amend his claims against some DOC officials and employees.

Manglona issued the dismissal of claims in granting Guerrero's request to proceed with his lawsuit in forma pauperis.

Forma pauperis refers to a court's permission to an indigent to initiate a lawsuit without having to pay for court fees or costs due to his or her lack of financial resources.

Manglona said the court is required to screen complaints brought in civil actions by prisoners filing in forma pauperis or seeking redress from governmental entities, officers, or employees.

Guerrero alleged that inmate John Kileleman, who is mentally ill, beat him up when he tried to pacify him from beating another inmate in DOC last Jan. 14.

Last April 4, Guerrero filed before the court his application to proceed with the lawsuit informa pauperis and his draft complaint.

He sued Kileleman for physical pain and emotional distress. He also sued 14 other defendants in his complaint for violations of his 8th and 14th Amendment rights.

Then-DOC commissioner Vincent Attao is among those 14 defendants. The 13 DOC employees named as co-defendants are Jose K. Pangelinan, Pius Yaroitemal, Jose Castro, Laena Cabrera, Eloy Dela Cruz, Joaquin Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rachel Rebuenog, Fred Billy, Marvin Seman, Leanna P. Quitugua, Romualdo Teregeyo Jr., and Keith Lizama.

In her order issued last Friday, Manglona said she interprets plaintiff's claims against these defendants in three categories: failure to protect, failure to supervise, and failure to investigate.

Citing that the court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over the state law tort claims against inmate Kileleman, Manglona dismissed without prejudice Guerrero's claim against Kileleman.

Dismiss without prejudice means Guerrero may re-file the claim against Kileleman.

Tort refers to an action in which one person or entity causes injury, harm, or damage to another person or entity.

Ruling that Guerrero has failed to state a claim against each of them, Manglona also dismissed without prejudice the claims against former DOC commissioner Attao, and DOC officials and employees Jose K. Pangelinan, Pius Yaroitemal, Fred Billy, Marvin Seman, Leanna P. Quitugua, Romualdo Teregeyo Jr., and Keith Lizama.

Manglona allowed Guerrero to file an amended complaint no later than June 21, 2019.

The judge said if Guerrero does not timely file an amended complaint, the court will order the U.S. Marshal to serve the complaint on the six other DOC employees named as co-defendants—Joaquin Sablan, Manuela Guerrero, Rachel Rebuenog, Jose Castro, Laena Cabrera, and Eloy Dela Cruz.

Manglona said a plaintiff cannot rely on allegations and claims included in an original pleading if an amended pleading is filed.

Therefore, the judge said, Guerrero must replead all necessary factual allegations, all claims against every defendant he intends to sue, and all remedies he seeks in the first amended complaint, if he chooses to file one.

Manglona said Guerrero has not established that this court has jurisdiction over his claims against Kileleman.

Manglona said it is not an action arising under federal law nor has Guerrero pleaded diversity of citizenship or an amount in controversy.

The judge said the tort claims against Kileleman are not ones that would ordinarily be tried in a single judicial proceeding with the Section 1983 claim against DOC defendants.

Section 1983 refers to the statute that creates a remedy for violations of federal rights committed by persons acting under color of state law.

Manglona said the objective prong of the deliberate indifference test in a failure to protect case is not the actual injury suffered, but rather the risk of substantial injury.

Therefore, the judge said, the assault and battery claims against Kileleman and the Section 1983 claims against DOC defendants do not derive from a common nucleus of operative facts.

She said the potential assault and battery claims are therefore dismissed without prejudice to any right Guerrero may have to file suit against Kileleman in the Commonwealth courts.

According to Guerrero's complaint, on Jan. 14, 2019, he was playing cards with three other inmates on the mezzanine floor of Pod 2, Section B of the DOC. He heard a strange noise coming from cell number 232. He ran over to the cell where he saw inmate Kileleman punching fellow inmate Bi Chuan Nian.

Bi had blood flowing from his head. Guerrerro shouted to Kileleman to stop. Instead, Kileleman started pushing and punching Guerrero, causing him to fall down and lose consciousness.

Guerrero regained consciousness and stood up, but Kileleman pushed him again, causing him to fall down three stairs.

Kileleman then kicked Guerrero, which caused him to roll down another 15 flights of stairs.

Manglona said it is unclear from the complaint at what point duty officers came to the scene.

Guerrero was taken to the booking area, where he was seen by medics.

At some later time, DOC took Guerrero to the Commonwealth Health Center for X-rays and other medical checks. He suffered bruises on his head and legs.

On the same day of the attack, Guerrero tried to call 911 from a DOC payphone but the phone would not connect.

Instead, he called a friend to ask him to contact 911 on his behalf. Guerrero met with police, who took his statement.

The next day, Jan. 15, Guerrero submitted a request to DOC Professional Standard Unit (PSU) to discuss the incident. He spoke to chief investigator Lawrence Pangelinan from the Office of the Attorney General.

On Jan. 17, 2019, he submitted a grievance to then-DOC Commissioner Attao about his "body-ache" caused by the attack.

On Jan. 18, he spoke to Lawrence Pangelinan and Urbano Babauta of the OAG.

Guerrero told them that he contacted 911 because none of the DOC officers would help him file a complaint.

On Jan. 28, 2019, he submitted another request to speak to PSU.

He met with Lawrence Pangelinan on Feb. 6, 2019, along with Ikluk Masayo. They took his statement and told him that they would rather arrange for him to possibly speak with the PSU.

On Feb. 7, 2019, Guerrero met with three PSU officers—Lt. Frederick Billy, Lt. Marvin Seman, and Officer Leanna Quitugua.

They asked Gurrero what he wanted and he told them that assigned officers must be required to do their duties.

PSU told him they would look into his complaint.

Manglona said the end result, if any, of that complaint is unclear from Guerrero's suit.

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The project package will be available on June 5, 2019 at the Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan. **All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.**

**Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001 and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.**

There will be a pre-bid conference for this project on **Wednesday, June 18, 2019, 10:00 am ChST** at the CIP Office in Capitol Hill, Saipan. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Ms. Nerissa Benavente in writing by e-mail: nerissa.cip@gmail.com, on or before **Wednesday, June 21, 2019** to the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or fax (670) 664-2408. All responses to inquiries will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked ***ITB19-GOV-083 Supply and Installation of Roll-off Truck with Cable Hoist for the Tinian Transfer Station.*** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST July 3, 2019.** Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. ChST July 3, 2019** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@cnmidof.net. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or t he official government postal service of a foreign country no later than July 3, 2019 and the bid documents must be received no later than July 11, 2019. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascencion Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan at ***10:30 a.m. ChST July 12, 2019***. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open at ***10:00 a.m. ChST July 3, 2019***.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:
a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Government Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract time and will be accessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Ralph DLG. Torres
Governor

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP19-JUDICIARY-07

SUBMISSION DATE: July 17, 2019
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
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JAMES CAMACHO BOWIE, and LINDA MANAHANE BOWIE, Plaintiffs, vs, APEX CONSTRUCTION, INC., et al., Defendants.
) CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0092
) ORDER

It is hereby ordered that the hearing of Plaintiffs' renewed motion for default judgment against Apex Construction, currently scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., be and hereby is CONTINUED to June 19, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

So ordered this date: May 28, 2019

ROBERTO C. NARAJA
Presiding Judge

# Military to conduct training in Dandan, Radio Barrigada, FDM, WA-12, WA-517

**ASAN, Guam**—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 will conduct training from 11am to 11:55pm June 17-20 at the Dandan-Malojloj training site in Inarajan.

HSC-25 will also conduct training from 4pm to 10pm on June 20 at Radio Barrigada.

These types of trainings are designed to enhance the readiness of military personnel. Residents in surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they see or hear increased activity associated with the training. The public should be advised that routine helicopter training often accompanied with the use of blanks can occur during these trainings.

The U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps will conduct training from 9:30am to 4pm and from 7:30pm to 9pm June 17-22 at the island of Farallon de Medinilla.

This training supports aircrew combat readiness and is critical to developing the skills needed to respond to operational missions throughout the region to ensure a stable, free and open Indo- Pacific.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be within a 12- nautical-mile radius of the island, located in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Marine Corps will also conduct training at Warning Area 12 and Warning Area 517 during the following dates and times:

- From 9am to 3pm and from 7:30pm 9pm June 19
- From 9am to 3pm and from 7:30pm 9pm June 21-22

W-12 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-12 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. W-12 is contained within the following coordinates: 11° 00”N/143° 00”E, 11° 00”N/144° 45”E, 10° 30”N/144° 45”E, 10° 30”N/143° 45”E.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40’ 00”N. W-517 begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10”N/144° 30”E, 13° 10”N/144° 42”E, 12° 50”N/144° 45”E, 11° 00”N/144° 45”E, 11° 00”N/143° 00”E, 11° 45”N/143° 00”E, and 12° 50”N/144° 30”E.

The U.S. Navy will conduct open-ocean exercises from 9 p.m. to 10 a.m. June 21-27 within a 10- nautical-mile radius of the following coordinates: 15 ‘20”N/143 ‘00”E, 15 ‘20”N/144 ‘00”E, 14 ‘20”N/144 ‘00”E, and 14 ‘20”N/143 ‘00”E.

It is recommended the general public, fishermen, and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055. ***(PR)***

# 66 COVMS students head to high school

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REPORTER

A total of 66 students hailing from Kagman’s Chacha Ocean View Middle School head to high school as they were promoted last June 12.

Led by valedictorian Kiyokazu S. Gonzales and salutatorian Richard Lacson, the 66 students graduated at the COVMS campus cafeteria. Gonzales also collected the Board of Education Award and the Business Math, Chamorro-Carolinian Language Heritage Studies, and Computer awards, while Lacson collected the Commissioner of Education Award and the Math, Language, and Woodworking subject awards.



**Kiyokazu Gonzales**
Valedictorian



**Richard Lacson**
Salutatorian

“…I was curious, timid, shy, and scared with a new campus,” Gonzales noted in his valedictorian address, referring to how much he changed over the years. “When I was a 5th grader, it was nerve racking to come into this school clueless of who my teachers were, where my classes were at, and most of all, what my goals were,” Gonzales continued.

“…I got comfortable and familiarized myself with everyone around me,” Gonzales noted.

Lacson shared his award with the rest of his family.

“Although the only name engraved in this plaque is mine, I share this achievement with my family, teachers, and friends that helped me along the way,” he noted in his salutatorian address.

“…This award does not justify who I am today; who I am today is influenced by the companionship from my fellow graduates, knowledge learned from my teachers, and endless support from my family,” he continued.

Besides Gonzales and Lacson, other students were honored for their academic achievements throughout the year per subject.

D’anahlei Rodriguez was awarded the Principal’s Award, Social Studies Award, and the Science Award; to Lucio Aldan the school Leadership Award; and to Angelica Mario the Physical Education and Health Award.



Chacha Ocean View Middle School class of 2019 perform their graduation song. ERWIN ENCINARES

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**JUNE 17, 2019**

**PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC LAW 8-41, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDA) THRU ITS CHAIRMAN, HEREBY INFORMS THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE CDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CDA CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CDA BUILDING, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN. THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING IS AS FOLLOWS:**

### AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
  A. Roll Call
  B. Adoption of Agenda
  C. Adoption of Minutes
    1. February 22, 2019
    2. March 6, 2019
II. Public Comments
III. Reports
  A. Executive Director’s Report
    1. Administrative Matters
      a. Personnel Rules & Regulations – Draft
      b. Personnel & Budget & Other Administrative Matters
    2. Loan Matters
    3. Qualifying Certificate (QC) Program Matters/ Economic Development Activities
      a. QC Beneficiaries’ Status
      b. Administrative Hearing – Alter City Group, Inc.
      c. CBO Financial Partnership
  B. Comptroller’s Report
IV. Old Business
  A. Housing Financing
  B. CPA Resolution
V. New Business
  A. Financial Options for Specific CIPs
VI. Other Matters
VII. Executive Session
VIII. Adjournment

*All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items. (Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a)(7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).*

/s/ IGNACIO L. PEREZ
Chairman, CDA Board of Directors







# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

## Trump administration's disrespect for the rule of law

There is no doubt White House counselor Kellyanne Conway should be dismissed from her position because of her repeated violations of a federal law that bars all federal workers from engaging in political activity during work time.

There also is no doubt that will never happen.

That's because it is abundantly clear that in Donald Trump's White House, the law is not the law, anyone can be above it, adhering to it is optional, and there is no punishment for breaking it.

There is no ambiguity in Conway's case. She violated the Hatch Act, an 80-year-old statute passed to stop Democrats from using federal workers in political campaigns. Only the president and the vice president are exempt, and many workers have lost their positions for not respecting the line between a public job and political activity.

Conway did so egregiously and repeatedly, despite several warnings from the permanent U.S. Office of the Special Counsel (not to be confused with those counsels named to investigate specific incidents, like Robert Mueller). Its head, Henry Kerner, a lifelong Republican, was appointed by Trump. Kerner documented numerous occasions when Conway used her post to bolster Trump's reelection campaign, denigrate Democratic presidential contenders, and advocate for or against candidates for other offices — all bright-line violations. Kerner, who does not have the authority to remove Conway, requested that Trump dismiss her.

After a May warning from Kerner, Conway said, "Blah, blah, blah … Let me know when the jail sentence starts." The White House incorrectly cast Kerner's request as an attempt to stifle Conway's free speech. Both responses demonstrate a contempt for the law. Ten other administration officials have been warned about Hatch Act violations.

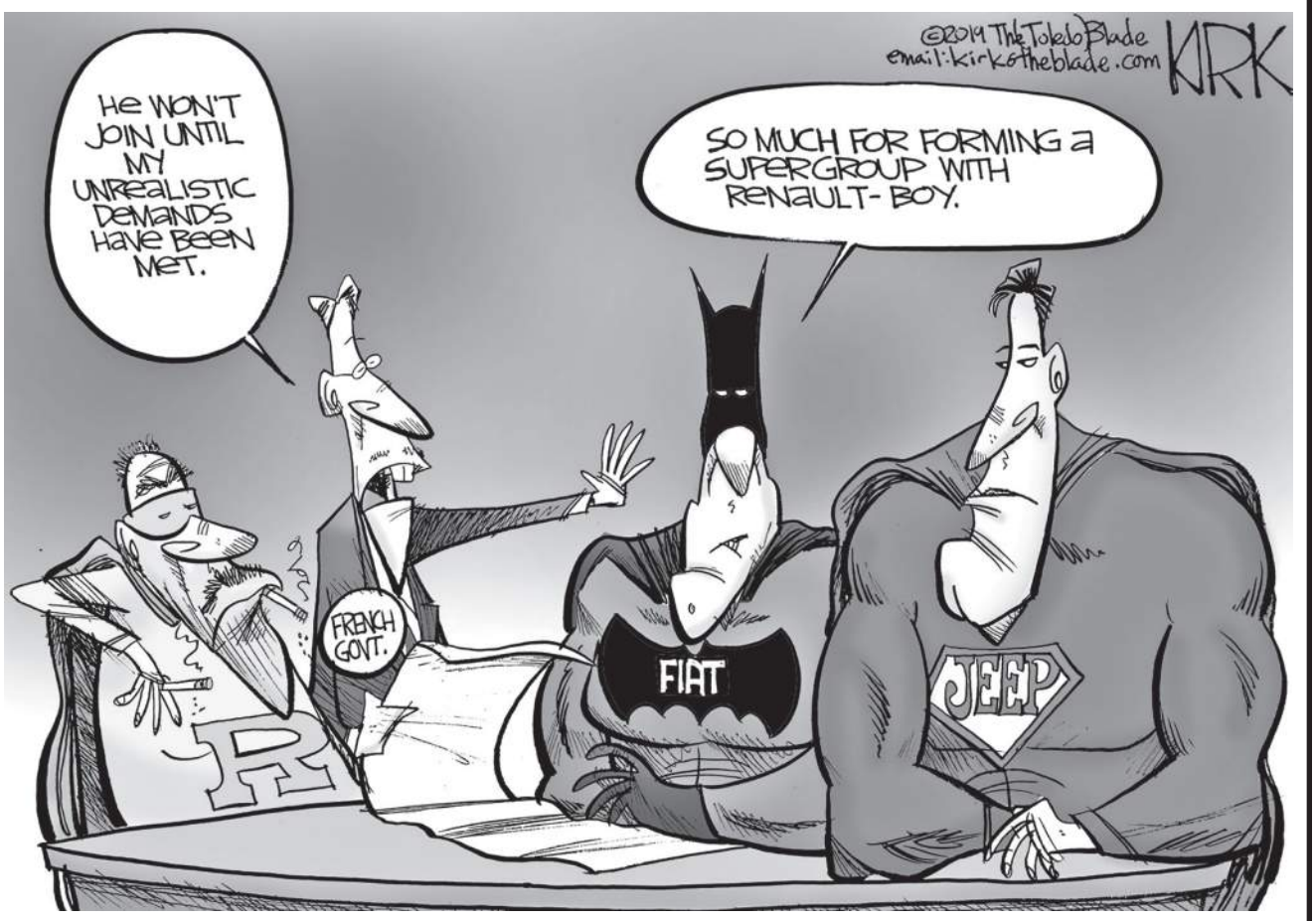
Separating governance from politics is essential to a functioning democracy. This administration's disregard for that principle has rippled outward. During Trump visits to military facilities in Japan and Germany, service members wore patches with Trump's likeness and the words "Make Aircrew Great Again," sported actual "MAGA" campaign hats and hoisted a Trump campaign flag. Not only is this against military rules, it also undermines the military's professionalism, which relies on its political neutrality.

The Conway controversy came the day after Trump demonstrated his own disdain for the law. The president told a TV interviewer that there is nothing wrong with accepting dirt on a political foe from a foreign government. In the context of Mueller's findings about Russia helping Trump's 2016 campaign, the remark was stunning if unsurprising. Worse, after his own FBI director, Christopher Wray, said the FBI should be contacted about such an offer, Trump said Wray was wrong.

Going to Washington to shake things up is one thing. Sneering at the law once there — by accepting emoluments from foreign governments, using the office for personal gain, defying lawful subpoenas, tolerating Hatch Act violations, and giving tacit permission to any campaign to accept help from a foreign adversary — is conduct unbefitting the president of the United States.

— The editorial board

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## A visit to my childhood home taught me how to grieve for my beloved mother

**By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS**
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Recently, I found myself standing in front of my old house in Philadelphia. From 1966, when I was 4, until 1969 when we moved to Delaware County, I lived in the two story quasi-Victorian on the 5400 block of North 12th Street. In the 50 years since we left, I've re-imagined that house a million times through the forgiving lens of memory. That house was beloved.

Seeing it in person, the house looked like it does in my dreams. Standing there was cathartic, because it reminded me of my origins in a way that almost nothing else has done over the past half century. The summers spent in Seaside Heights, the sirens of the ambulances as they headed toward Einstein Hospital, the elderly neighbors next door who would be close to 150 today, all came flooding back. And in an instant I was that little girl who cursed her parents for taking her away from the place she loved, to enter the savage new habitat called "the suburbs."

Why am I telling you this story, with all the other more important things happening in the world?

This summer marks the fifth anniversary of my mother's death, and I have only just now started to grieve in the way that she deserves. For the first few years, I absorbed the great weight of my grief by looking elsewhere. It was impossible to look directly into the pit of sadness that her death created, because even my affirming faith in an afterlife was not enough to blunt the trauma to my heart. I made a deliberate attempt not to think of her, other than to remember her on birthdays and anniversaries and write pithy comments on social media like "as long as we remember them, they are not dead."

Turns out, that's not true.

I now know that even if we think of them every moment of every day, they will still remain insufficiently present in our lives. The best we can hope for is to take pleasure in the physical things that persist, and that formed the stage and the props for the dramas and comedies we lived together. In my mother's case, this house was a big part of it.

Looking up at the bay window on the second floor where my bedroom had been, I remembered her creativity. Responding to my pleas for a canopy (way too expensive in those days,) she attached a flouncy valance to the ceiling above my bed and convinced me that it really was a canopy. And it was.

Peeking into the backyard where two beautiful pear trees had been, but were no more, I remembered how my mother planted a vegetable garden like generations of Italians before her, and came up with bumper crops of tomatoes for gravy.

Gazing at the front porch, I visualized her rocking one of my brothers when he had fallen on the steps and skinned a knee, and I almost smelled the Bactine and alcohol. I also remembered the time when, dressed in her bathrobe and fuzzy slippers, she had to burglarize her own home by breaking and climbing in the front window because my then-four-year-old brother locked her out when she walked me to the bus stop.

And then, I thought of my father, who made it possible for us to live in this paradise. He worked so hard that we rarely saw him, a fledgling lawyer with four kids under the age of 7 and huge debt. He was so proud that he could provide for us what he'd never had as a child who grew up in foster homes.

Seeing that house, still there, still lovely, still filled with someone else's family, still capable of creating memories for other children, makes it easier to grieve my beloved parents, who did the best they could for us.

# Sarah Sanders says she's leaving the White House. Can we believe her?

By SCOTT MARTELLE
Los Angeles Times



You'll be forgiven if the first thought that crossed your mind at the news that Sarah Huckabee Sanders is quitting as President Donald Trump's press secretary was, "Oh, does she still work there?"

You'll also be forgiven if the second thought was, good riddance.

Sanders stepped into the muck-filled shoes left behind by Sean Spicer in July 2017, and deftly continued with lies, half-truths and aggressive attacks on the media.

Which, of course, is just what her boss wanted her to do.

Sanders stopped giving press briefings — near-daily events in previous administrations — three months ago, which is why it felt as though she might have slipped out of the White House by a side exit.

And yes, press secretaries are expected to offer their bosses a certain amount of spin to persuade the masses that Topic A should be viewed through the president's prism.

But blatant lying crossed a line that is dangerous for a democracy, as we're seeing. We as a nation have absolutely no reason to give credence to any pronouncement that comes out of this White House, because Trump, Spicer, Sanders, Kelly Ann "alternative facts" Conway and other top aides have trained us to doubt almost every assertion coming out of their mouths.

When a nation can't trust the word of its president or his aides, then the nation can't trust its government.

Which in the case of Trump and his supporters, this may just be a self-fulfilling prophecy. He was the anti-government candidate, and now he runs it as though he's trying to dismantle it from within, beginning with destroying its fundamental credibility.

Trump said nice thing about Sanders on Thursday, describing her as "tough, and she's good." You can't argue on the toughness part, because she has proved to be just that. But "good" is a more subjective thing. If by "good' Trump means she lied openly and wantonly just as he wanted, well, then, he would see her legacy as "good."

But since Trump, Spicer and Sanders have, as a trio, essentially destroyed the office of the press secretary as a source of reliable information, he might as well leave it vacant. One less spigot for untruths would be in the national interest.

# Welcome Ono Kazuhiko

"Westerners like to conquer mountains; Orientals like to contemplate them. As for me, I like to taste the mountains." —***Santoka Taneda***

Ocean Tasting is a group of poems inspired by "Mountain Tasting, Haiku and Journals of Santoka Taneda." Santoka Taneda (1882-1940) was a Zen poet in the wandering hermit tradition of Japan. I have been inspired by his journals as much as his haiku. In place of 'Tasting Mountains' I have written two sonnet trilogies which I call 'Ocean Tasting'.

This second sonnet trilogy welcomes Ono Kazuhiko to Saipan. Ono is the new consul for the Consular Office of Japan on Saipan, CNMI. Prior to coming here Ono was in the Japanese Consul Office in Wellington, New Zealand. He began his service here in the CNMI on May 8, 2019. He will be attending an annual Shinto memorial service held on the southeast cliffs of Tinian on June 19, 2019.

**OCEAN TASTING # 2, a sonnet trilogy**

**SANTOKA'S THREE PRECEPTS**

DO NOT WASTE ANYTHING
use the blue plastic bottle rings for Impressionist art bubbles
every wrapped baby, puppy, and kitty, for warm fuzzy cuddles
the chance to splash and wade through muddy mud puddles
reuse the boiled water left after cooking any noodles

DO NOT GET ANGRY
hard to forgive the drug addict swinging at my head
easy to get up early after just going to bed
swallowing my pride when insults were said
eating food I burned instead of going unfed

DO NOT COMPLAIN
about the rain when you wanted to walk
about silence in the library when you wanted to talk
about cats spraying everywhere and NO Parking
about no room on Lover's lane for some sparking

OCEAN TASTING
waste not want not, cold or hot, the brain maintains
the sound of rain on banana leaves gently explains

**SANTOKA'S THREE VOWS**

DO NOT ATTEMPT THE IMPOSSIBLE
scrambling hiking then falling face down on the sea cliff
staying warm enough sleeping in a snow cave not stiff
standing twelve hours in place till someone gives me a lift
refusing to give in to laughter then getting a great gift

DO NOT FEEL REGRET ABOUT THE PAST
shoulda woulda coulda sometimes vows
first refusal then easily making some bows
jumping from trees on the back of grazing cows
learning and asking the who, whys, when and hows

DO NOT BERATE ONESELF
mad that I got mad at you and mad at me too
bored with myself just couldn't think it through
particle theory physics only partly proven true
slowly recovering from self-pity and feeling blue

OCEAN TASTING
now old enough at 69 to enjoy some looking back
no regrets, no tears goodbye, getting elderly knack

## LITERARY NOOK

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLLY
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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**SANTOKA'S THREE JOYS**

STUDY
reading in bed turning from side to side
reading on the ground ants mouths open wide
reading by the sea at sea level and on the cliffs
reading at the kitchen table delicious whiffs

CONTEMPLATION
thinking about thinking about thinking
before during and a long time after drinking
falling asleep tender thoughts sinking
both ears open to music both eyes blinking

POETRY
in seven minutes many a written sonnet
different topics with fourteen lines on it
I knew at first glance that I really want it
thoughts quickly come in waves like a comet

OCEAN TASTING
calm waters and rough seas in the Pacific Ocean
waves tides currents help create the commotion

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Shame yan Eskuelan Eskandalu

From Friday June 14, 2019 *Saipan Tribune*, an excerpt of a column by John S. DelRosario, "Brawl: Just as I thought, PSS could easily resolve salary issues. An assertion by a former government lawyer explains why the system is without funds:

"The leadership used the increased budget to give themselves six-figure salaries. They lied to the voters and spent public money to do so," he said. "PSS leadership is now forcing teachers to sign a contract surrendering pay or face termination.

"Furthermore, over the past few months, PSS leadership has threatened to fire any teacher who talks to anyone outside of PSS, including attorneys." The slugfest was triggered by alleged misappropriation of resources. And leadership at PSS must contend resolving self-inflicted conundrum.

Another view says, "The board of education needs to take the lead in offering solution to the predicament generated by its own making and just now known to the public or to the PSS community such as the pay raises executed in 2017 for central office administration.

"It is time to shift the resources down to the schools and enable the school officials, teachers, parents, and the supportive community to make decisions at the school-community level. Time to decentralize authority and enhance accountability at the school-community level." I couldn't agree more!"

Doesn't some of this behavior and claptrap policy sound positively 'criminal' to you readers? It is certainly hypocritical "in extremis" considering this sentence from a Monday June 10, 2019 CNMI PSS PR release in the *Saipan Tribune*, Commissioner of Education speaking, "The Public School System reaffirms its commitment that the children of this Commonwealth deserve the optimum educational opportunities for them to succeed, with the support of our dedicated public school staff and personnel."

Where are the " optimum educational opportunities" with the casting of fear of job loss to teachers if agreement to salary reduction is not accepted? Why did Tinian Junior Senior High school have no, get that? No on-site Science teacher for SY 2012-2013, SY 2013-2014, SY 2014-2015 while students took Science courses online by computer. That meant no field trips, no lab work in situ, and students told me it was often difficult to communicate with their online science teachers. For SY 2013-2014 there were never more than ten working computers in the computer room during the entire school year. Most of the computers were in disrepair the entire school year. Responsibility for computer repair was given to the HS Math and Physics teacher, a local CNMI resident, who had substantial responsibilities with his full classes in his own separate classroom. He left for the mainland who could blame him? The room was next to my classroom and it was hard to schedule time to get my classes in there. The principal at the time told me there was a complete science lab in a room in boxes waiting to be set up by a science teacher. A previous Tinian Junior Senior HS principal gave away a Federal Model Classroom Grant I had applied for and received to some PSS buddy over on Saipan. It included furniture specifically designed for computer use in the classroom. I happened to see it in the PSS Saipan central office by chance months later and found out what school it was headed to. I got a letter from my principal on Tinian to state what he had done with it in case the Feds came knocking wondering about the whereabouts of the grant and physical elements of that grant I had received for use in Tinian JR/SR HS.

There dear readers are some examples of lost and stolen "optimum educational opportunities" on Tinian alone. One has to wonder about the number of similar losses on Saipan given the large number of schools there. Say nothing of PSS Saipan Central office people making higher salaries with a BS degree over classroom teachers with one or more Masters degrees. As has been alluded to elsewhere fear of job loss prevents many teachers from speaking out (there is of course no union to defend them) and now the threat of job loss and their professional livelihood is out in the open with the teachers being forced or coerced to sign an agreement for a salary reduction. Yes, indeed there is a general atmosphere conducive for 'not' providing "optimum educational opportunities" to the CNMI PSS students. One has to wonder what the administration and teachers at NMC are telling their PSS bound teachers about the situation and their students concerns about future teaching careers at PSS? Where are the voices of protest from NMC education professors and administrators? Shame and 'eskuelan eskandalu' on the CNMI BOE and CNMI PSS.

I wholeheartedly agree with former AAG Charles E. Brasington's comments in the *Saipan Tribune* on Monday June 10, 2019 where he requested the CNMI legislators to investigate the PSS leadership's "illegal and morally reprehensible conduct."

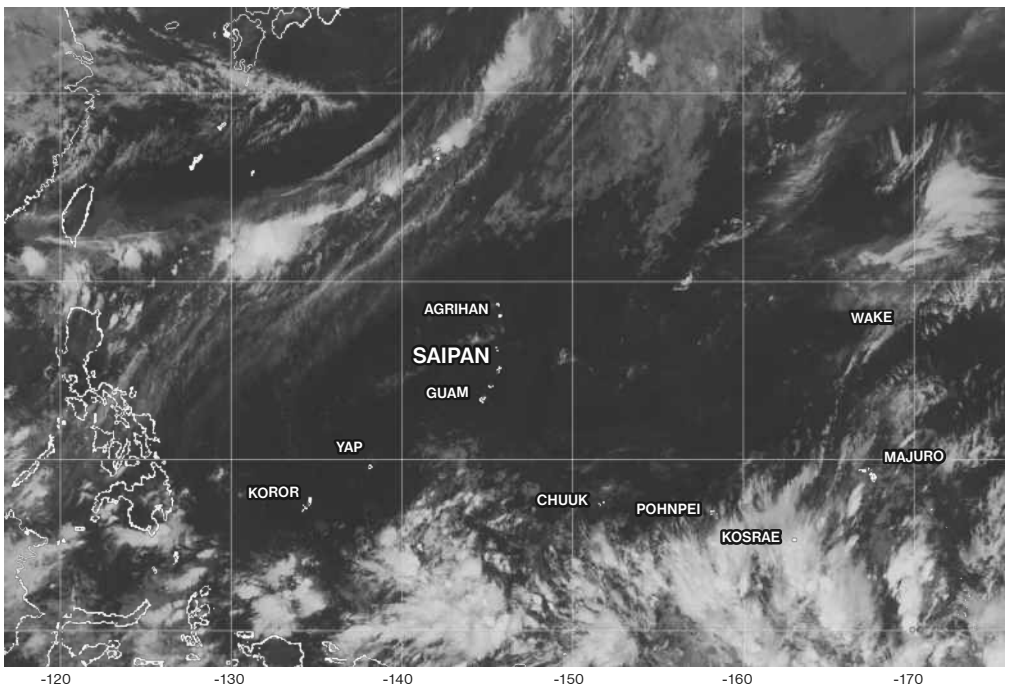
**Joey "Pepe Batbon" Connolly**
*Tinian*

# The Weather

## 5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| 90° 79° | 90° 79° | 90° 79° | 90° 79° | 90° 79° |

## YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE




**PICTURE TIME: 7:01 AM, SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019**
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Although mid June is here, the dry season still persists. Only a few showers are expected this week as deeper moisture and more widespread precipitation stays well south of 10N. Models continue to hint at increased cloudiness next weekend as moisture spreads north of 10N.

*Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/*

| MICRONESIA | ▲ ▼ °F | |
|---|---|---|
| Guam and Rota | Partly Cloudy | 88° / 79° |
| Palau | Thunderstorm | 84° / 77° |
| Yap | Thunderstorm | 88° / 80° |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorm | 85° / 80° |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorm | 85° / 78° |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorm | 85° / 78° |
| Majuro | Thunderstorm | 84° / 81° |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | ▲ ▼ °F | |
|---|---|---|
| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | 59° / 48° |
| Beijing | Thunderstorm | 88° / 66° |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorm | 88° / 82° |
| Honolulu | Partly Cloudy | 89° / 76° |
| London | Partly Cloudy | 70° / 54° |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | 74° / 61° |
| Manila | Thunderstorm | 93° / 81° |
| Melbourne | Showers | 54° / 45° |
| Miami | Thunderstorm | 85° / 80° |
| New York | Thunderstorm | 86° / 71° |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | 82° / 68° |
| Paris | Mostly Sunny | 79° / 57° |
| Busan | Partly Cloudy | 75° / 64° |
| Rome | Sunny | 88° / 64° |
| Salem | Thunderstorm | 89° / 71° |
| San Francisco | Sunny | 74° / 57° |
| Seoul | Showers | 79° / 63° |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | 73° / 64° |
| Washington, DC | Thunderstorm | 92° / 73° |

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- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY | FEET | |
|---|---|---|
| 1:35 AM | LOW TIDE | 1.16 |
| 6:31 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.97 |
| 2:00 PM | LOW TIDE | -0.43 |
| 9:03 PM | HIGH TIDE | 1.90 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|---|---|---|
| Today | 5:47 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Tuesday | 5:47 AM | 6:48 PM |
| Wednesday | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Thursday | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |
| Friday | 5:47 AM | 6:49 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Today | - | 5:26 AM | 6:43 PM |
| Tuesday | - | 6:17 AM | 7:37 PM |
| Wednesday | - | 7:09 AM | 8:28 PM |
| Thursday | - | 8:01 AM | 9:17 PM |
| Friday | - | 8:53 AM | 10:01 PM |

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## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 2, 2019

### DEPARTURES

**SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA117 | 9:15am | 10:00am | Daily |
| UA105 | 6:25pm | 7:05pm | 2, 4 |

**SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 3, 5, 7 |
| 7C3451 | 3:30am | 6:30am | 4 |

**SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:35am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3403 | 5:10am | 8:55am | 1, 7 |
| 7C3401 | 4:10pm | 7:45pm | Daily |

**SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8648 | 6:10am | 8:50am | 1, 4, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD396 | 7:30am | 12:05pm | 1 |
| JD396 | 4:50pm | 7:55pm | 4 |

**SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8646 | 4:30am | 7:50am | 2, 6 |

**SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU764 | 1:30am | 6:00am | 3, 5, 7 |

**SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ626/701 | 2:20am | 11:05am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/701 | 2:50am | 11:05am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 8:50pm | 2, 5 via GUM |
| UA117/183 | 9:15am | 9:10pm | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA117/193 | 9:15am | 10:40pm | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |

**SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| HX077 | 2:00am | 5:00am | 1, 4 |
| OZ626/721 | 2:20am | 11:40am | 1 via ICN |
| OZ626/721 | 2:50am | 11:40am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN |
| UO43 | 5:35am | 8:25am | 1 |
| UO43 | 5:50am | 8:40am | 3, 5, 7 |
| UA117/159 | 9:15am | 9:50pm | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

### ARRIVALS

**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| UA174 | 7:30am | 8:15am | Daily |
| UA104 | 4:50pm | 5:31pm | 2, 4 |

**BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 2, 4, 6, 7 |
| 7C3452 | 9:35pm | 2:30am+1 | 3 |

**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 7C3402 | 09:30am | 3:10pm | Daily |
| TW307 | 7:00pm | 12:35am+1 | Daily |
| OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 7C3404 | 10:40pm | 4:10am+1 | 6, 7 |

**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:50am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

**HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| JD395 | 8:05am | 3:30pm | 4 |
| JD395 | 8:50pm | 5:00am+1 | 7 |

**GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3U8645 | 7:50pm | 2:40am+1 | 1, 5 |

**BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| MU763 | 4:30pm | 12:30am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |

**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ702/625 | 12:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| UA192/174 | 9:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM-ROR |
| UA184/174 | 10:25pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM |
| UA184/174 | 11:30pm | 8:12am+1 | 2, 5 via GUM |

**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 via ICN |
| OZ722/625 | 1:10pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN |
| HX076 | 5:20pm | 00:30am+1 | 3, 7 |
| UO42 | 6:25pm | 1:20am+1 | 7 |
| UO42 | 9:25pm | 4:20am+1 | 2, 4, 6 |
| UA116/174 | 10:45pm | 8:12am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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**SAIPAN TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1301 | 7:30AM | 8:00AM | Daily |
| 1302 | 11:30AM | 12:00PM | Daily |
| 1303 | 4:00PM | 4:30PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3101 | 8:15AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 3102 | 1:45PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 3103 | 4:45PM | 5:15PM | Daily |

**ROTA TO GUAM**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3401 | 12:15PM | 12:45PM | Daily |

**GUAM TO ROTA**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 4301 | 1:00PM | 1:30PM | Daily |

**SAIPAN TO TINIAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1201 | 7:00AM | 7:15AM | Daily |
| 1202 | 8:00AM | 8:15AM | Daily |
| 1203 | 9:00AM | 9:15AM | Daily |
| 1204 | 10:00AM | 10:15AM | Daily |
| 1205 | 11:00AM | 11:15AM | Daily |
| 1206 | 12:00PM | 12:15PM | Daily |
| 1207 | 1:00PM | 1:15PM | Daily |
| 1208 | 2:00PM | 2:15PM | Daily |
| 1209 | 3:00PM | 3:15PM | Daily |
| 1210 | 4:00PM | 4:15PM | Daily |
| 1211 | 5:00PM | 5:15PM | Daily |
| 1212 | 6:00PM | 6:15PM | Daily |

**TINIAN TO SAIPAN**

| FLIGHT # | DEPARTURE | ARRIVAL | FREQUENCY |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2102 | 7:30AM | 7:45AM | Daily |
| 2103 | 8:30AM | 8:45AM | Daily |
| 2104 | 9:30AM | 9:45AM | Daily |
| 2105 | 10:30AM | 10:45AM | Daily |
| 2106 | 11:30AM | 11:45AM | Daily |
| 2107 | 12:30PM | 12:45PM | Daily |
| 2108 | 1:30PM | 1:45PM | Daily |
| 2109 | 2:30PM | 2:45PM | Daily |
| 2110 | 3:30PM | 3:45PM | Daily |
| 2111 | 4:30PM | 4:45PM | Daily |
| 2112 | 5:30PM | 5:45PM | Daily |
| 2113 | 6:30PM | 6:45PM | Daily |

# 2019 Miss Marianas

Photos By MARC VENUS



Members of Stellar Marianas pose with the contestants of the annual Miss Marianas contest for a photo after the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



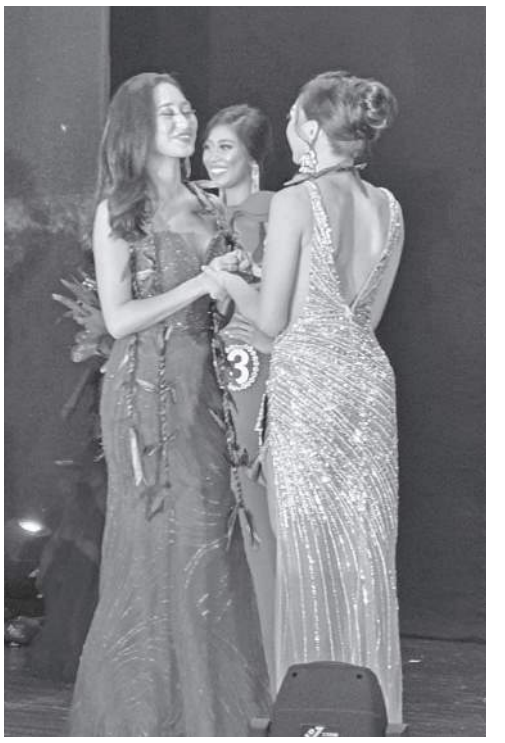
Miss Marianas contestant No. 6, Dierra Palacios, showcases her national costume during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



Miss Marianas contestant No. 3, Merly-Ann Fernandez, showcases her evening gown during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



Miss Marianas contestant No. 1, Junalyn Billedo, showcases her national costume during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



The top two Miss Marianas finalists, Sharon Palacios and Shanon Sasamoto, await the naming of the 2019 Miss Marianas during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



Miss Marianas contestant No. 4, Sharon Palacios, showcases her evening gown during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



2018 Miss Marianas, Celine Cabrera, performs her final walk during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.



The contestants of the Miss Marianas pageant await the naming of the top 3 during the 2019 Miss Marianas pageant last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

# Business

## Target's tech trouble clogs stores with long checkout lines




AP
A sign is posted explaining a technical glitch at a Target store in San Francisco on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP)—A glitch stalled checkout lines at Target stores worldwide Saturday, exasperating shoppers and potentially eating into sales at a prime time for retailers, the day before Father's Day.

The roughly two-hour outage periodically prevented Target's cashiers from scanning merchandise or processing transactions as long lines formed in some stores. Self-checkout registers, usually the speediest of options, also weren't working at times.

Target temporarily closed some of its stores, including one in San Francisco, rather than risk aggravating shoppers.

"Our technology team worked quickly to identify and fix the issue, and we apologize for the inconvenience and frustration this caused for our guests," Target said in a Saturday statement.

Before the company figured out was wrong, a Target employee was warning customers that they might not be able to check out as they entered a San Francisco store early Saturday afternoon. Sales were being completed after intermittent delays during the half hour an AP reporter observed the lines at the store.

But some shoppers posting on their Twitter accounts Saturday painted a different picture as they vented about excruciatingly long lines but expressed sympathy for the Target employees trying to cope with the situation.

The meltdown hit Target at the worst time for a mass-market merchant, given Saturdays are typically one of the busiest shopping days of the week.

Target has been vexed by technology before, most notably in 2013 when malware installed in its checkout system resulted in a data heist that exposed personal information in more than 40 million credit and debit card accounts. That debacle triggered lawsuits and eventually led to the departure of its CEO, Gregg Steinhafel.

The Minneapolis company said customers caught in up the checkout slowdown have no reason to worry.

"After an initial but thorough review, we can confirm that this was not a data breach or security-related issue, and no guest information was compromised at any time," Target said.

## United Airlines makes connecting world easier than ever with ConnectionSaver

**CHICAGO**—Just in time for the busy summer travel season, United Airlines is introducing ConnectionSaver, a new tool dedicated to improving the experience for customers connecting from one United flight to the next. ConnectionSaver is powered by new technology that automatically identifies departing flights that can be held for connecting customers, while ensuring those who have already boarded the aircraft arrive at their destination on time. ConnectionSaver also sends personalized text messages to every connecting customer (who has opted in to receive notifications) with clear directions to the gate for their connecting flight and information about how long the walk will take.

United's ConnectionSaver technology automatically scans flights for customers who are making tight connections to determine if the connecting flight can be held without inconveniencing other customers. The ConnectionSaver tool takes into account factors such as the time it will take for late connecting customers to travel gate-to-gate as well as the impact the hold may have on other flights and customers.

"Through improved technology and our dedication to running a reliable operation, customers with tight connections are making their flights. With summer travel picking up, as many as 150,000 customers will make connections on United flights every day and our goal is to provide our employees and these customers with the most up-to-date information to make connecting as stress-free as possible," said Toby Enqvist, chief customer officer at United.

United launched its ConnectionSaver tool on all flights at Denver International Airport in February, and then expanded it to Chicago O'Hare International Airport—two of the airline's busiest hubs with thousands of connecting customers every day. During the past four months, more than 14,400 customers, who would have otherwise missed their connections, were able to make their flights thanks to ConnectionSaver. Flights that were held for connecting customers were delayed an average of six minutes. This ConnectionSaver technology will

United Airlines Makes Connecting the World Easier Than Ever with ConnectionSaver expand to the airline's hubs by this fall and to all other airports that United operates at in the future.

"ConnectionSaver only works if it allows us to care for as many customers as possible—without inconveniencing others – and that's exactly what this technology has shown it can do. We're determined to capitalize on as many opportunities as possible to better serve and care for our customers and that's part of what sets United apart from our competitors," said Enqvist.

The ConnectionSaver program also includes text notifications personalized for customers making connections through the airline's hub airports, that will help them navigate and travel efficiently to the gate for their next flight. Once customers land at their connecting airport, they will receive a text message that tells them the gate where they are arriving, the gate where they will depart and the expected travel time between the two gates. The texts will also include a link with step-by-step directions to the next gate and a map of nearby amenities.

Earlier this year United added more detailed and helpful connection information to its reimagined mobile app. Customers using the latest version of the app will be prompted with information about their arrival and departing gates and a map of the airport once they land.

## Grounding of Boeing plane hovers over big air show in Paris

Uncertainty over a Boeing jet and apprehension about the global economy hover over the aircraft industry as it prepares for next week's Paris Air Show.

That show and its alternating-years companion, the Farnborough International Airshow near London, are usually upbeat celebrations of the latest and greatest in aviation technology. In recent boom years, they have become a stage for huge aircraft orders.

This year, however, the mood could be different.

The Boeing 737 Max has been grounded worldwide for three months after new flight software played a role in two deadly plane crashes. There is no clear date for when it might fly again.

There are other troubling signs for the industry. After several years of surging growth, passenger traffic in March grew at the weakest rate in nine years, although April was slightly better. The chief of the International Air Transport Association, a global airline trade group, blamed a slowing global economy and damage from tariffs and trade fights.

Air cargo shipments—considered a leading economic indicator—fell 4.7% in April, continuing a slump that began in January and could dent demand for air freighters.

And airlines have committed to buy so many planes that Boeing now has a backlog of 5,500 orders and Airbus has 7,200—far higher than usual. Airlines might not have much appetite for more.

"There is a lot to be concerned about," said Richard Aboulafia, an aerospace analyst with Teal Group. "It might make for kind of a grim Paris."

Heading into the show, Boeing and Airbus have reported much weaker orders this year. Boeing received no orders in May after getting just one in April. Deliveries of completed jets tumbled 56% last month as it stopped shipping new Max jets. Airbus saw an increase in deliveries, but it reported just one new order last month.

Airlines have placed so many orders for the Boeing 737 and Airbus A320 family already that analysts expect few new sales for those so-called narrowbody planes during the air show.

Credit Suisse analysts predicted that no airline will order any more Max jets until the grounding is lifted.

"I do believe that that aircraft will get back in the air and commercially minded airlines will buy it, but just not next week," said Samuel Engel, a senior executive at the airline and aircraft-finance consultant ICF. He said public doubt and fear about flying on the plane is too great right now but—and this is a view widely shared in the industry—will diminish over time.

With so many of its airline customers and suppliers at the air show, Boeing will be under pressure to provide an update on the Max's expected return to flying, and how quickly after that Boeing can increase production. The company cut Max production in mid-April from a rate of 52 planes a month to 42.

The Max, the newest version of Boeing's best-selling plane, is critical to the company's future. The Max was a direct response to Airbus' fuel-efficient A320neo. Airbus has taken 6,500 orders for various neo models, outpacing the Max with its nearly 5,000 orders.

Boeing has struggled to get a handle on the Max controversy. Its fix for software implicated in crashes that killed 346 people has taken months longer than expected, and it is unclear how long it will take the Federal Aviation Administration and other regulators to approve Boeing's work.

# Nation

## Off-duty LA cop discharged gun during deadly Costco shooting

**CORONA, Calif.** (AP)—An off-duty Los Angeles police officer among three people injured during a shooting inside a Costco Wholesale, killing one person, discharged his firearm inside the store, authorities said Saturday.

It was not immediately clear whether the unidentified officer was the only person who fired shots inside the store Friday night or if another person also opened fire or had a weapon.

Corona Police officer Tobias Kouroubacalis said Saturday he could not confirm if there was more than one shooter and said no one was in custody following the shooting that prompted a stampede of frightened shoppers to flee the store east of Los Angeles and seek cover inside.

Witnesses said they saw a man with a Mohawk haircut arguing with someone near a freezer section when shots rang out at least six times. The man involved in the argument was killed, Corona police Lt. Jeff Edwards said.




AP

Heavily armed police officers exit the Costco following a shooting inside the wholesale warehouse in Corona, Calif., Friday, June 14, 2019.

The injured officer was treated for minor injuries and released from a hospital, Los Angeles Police officer Greg Kraft said.

Corona police did not disclose details of what led to the shooting but witnesses said there was an altercation. Shoppers and employees described terror and chaos when shots rang out shortly before 8 p.m. Friday and police swarmed the store.

Shrieks from inside the store were heard on video recorded by shopper Nikki Tate, who had stopped by with her daughter to pick up steaks and lobsters for Father's Day.

Tate said Saturday she was by the meat section when she heard "about six or seven shots." She dropped to the ground and crawled toward her daughter who was at the other end. They huddled until they were able to escape through a side door.

"I saw people and heard shots and my first though was 'Jesus, is this another mass shooting?'" she said. "I didn't know if this was a random thing or a domestic thing or if this was a mass shooting. Everything was happening so fast, I just wanted to get me and my kid to safety."

In the video, her daughter says, "Mommy, we need to go."

No identities were immediately released. Police said the name of the deceased won't be released until the Riverside County coroner notifies family.

The Los Angeles Police Department said in a statement Saturday afternoon that it has launched its own investigation of the incident. "Our officer suffered minor injuries in the incident and was transported to a local hospital where he was treated and released," the department said.

Christina Colis told the Riverside Press-Enterprise that she was in the produce area when she heard six to seven shots and hid with other shoppers in a refrigerated produce room. She said her mother saw people injured on the floor.

"I thought maybe someone dropped a bottle of wine, but then I kept hearing shots," shopper Will Lungo told the Press-Enterprise newspaper. "An employee came in and helped us out through the emergency exit."

Witnesses told KCAL-TV that shoppers and employees rushed to the exits. The station reported that more than 100 people were outside the store at one point. Left behind inside the store were purses, cellphones and backpacks from panicked shoppers, Corona police said.

## Former student who reported rape says college betrayed her

**CHARLESTON, W.Va.** (AP)—The warnings came in text messages from her friends: He's outside the dorm. He's at the student center. He's at Starbucks.

But for Alicia Gonzales, sometimes it didn't matter where he was. She would often hide away in her room on the campus of Marshall University, overcome with fear that she'd run into him—or be subjected to his ridicule—even after reporting that he raped her on school grounds, and even after he was convicted of battery. Months later, she left the school altogether.

"Every time I saw him, it was horrible for me," she told The Associated Press on Friday. "It was almost like I was in that same state of mind, reliving the assault itself and how fearful I was. I just felt like I was helpless."

The Associated Press does not typically identify sexual assault victims, but Gonzales has chosen to be identified.

Marshall has expelled 22-year-old Joseph Chase Hardin amid new rape accusations involving two additional women and renewed scrutiny of the West Virginia school's handling of Gonzales' February 2016 case. The expulsion caps a lengthy disciplinary process during which Hardin was allowed to be on campus, according to Gonzales' ongoing federal lawsuit against the university.

A spokeswoman for the college said it followed state law and federal regulations in its handling of Gonzales' case, adding that it "took every legal measure available to it to protect the rights of all parties throughout the process."

In announcing Hardin's expulsion, University President Jerome A. Gilbert released a statement saying, "The safety of our students is our first obligation."

Hardin was indicted and jailed last week on second-degree sexual assault charges related to two alleged rapes in 2018. A judge ordered Hardin to remain jailed Wednesday at a court hearing for violating probation from the earlier case. He was led into the courtroom in an orange jumpsuit and turned his face away from TV news cameras trained on him from the gallery.

His lawyer, Kerry A. Nessel, said his client maintains his innocence.

"He denies everything," Nessel said. "To me, it's just a he said/she said situation."

Gonzales described a pattern of harassment by Hardin and his friends after the alleged rape. She said they mocked her on social media and once waited for her outside her on-campus job and sneered as she emerged. Hardin even wore one of her headbands at a basketball game to taunt her, she said.

"I felt completely betrayed by the university and I felt like I had absolutely no protection throughout it," she said.

Gonzales said the attack occurred in the middle of a school day in a dormitory room on campus. When she first reported the attack, the college expelled Hardin, but he was able to remain on campus during an appeal process, according to Gonzales' suit. The school didn't implement restrictions to prevent her from encountering Hardin, it added.

Marshall then assembled a student conduct panel, before which she was aggressively cross-examined by Hardin's private attorneys, the suit says. She had no lawyer present. After the panel cleared Hardin, he winked at her and threw his fist into the air in celebration, Gonzales said.

College administrators then reviewed the hearing process and suspended Hardin from campus grounds until his criminal case was resolved. He unsuccessfully appealed that decision but was allowed to return after he entered what's called a Kennedy plea to a battery charge and was given three years' probation after having originally been charged with sexual assault.

In a Kennedy plea, which is similar to what's called an Alford plea in other states, a defendant maintains his or her innocence but acknowledges there's evidence that might lead a judge or jury to reach a guilty verdict. Court paperwork says that upon entering the plea, he was judged guilty.

## ACROSS THE NATION

### Service held for West Point cadet who died in training

**NEW YORK** (AP)—A memorial service was held at West Point for a cadet who was killed during a training exercise. Christopher J. Morgan was buried Saturday at the academy's cemetery after the private service at the Cadet Chapel. News 12 Long Island reports that West Point's Commandant of Cadets, Maj. Gen. Steve Gilland, called the 22-year-old Morgan "an exemplary classmate and teammate." And the commandant said the young man from West Orange, New Jersey, was "tremendously proud to be a cadet." Morgan was killed last week when a tactical truck overturned on the way to a summer military training camp. Nineteen cadets and two soldiers operating the vehicle were injured in the accident, which is under investigation. At West Point, Morgan was studying law and was on the Army's wrestling team.

### Protesters strip, get painted in Times Square

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Several dozen people stripped naked and got their bodies painted in New York's Times Square as part of what was billed as a protest against "divisiveness." The event Saturday was organized by body artist Andy Golub. He has staged similar nude Times Square protests in years past. Golub said the world we're living in "is very divisive." He said people have "much more in common" than they are different. Samantha Walsh traveled from Toronto to take part. Walsh, who uses a wheelchair, said body painting disrupts the way people think about "whose bodies are valuable."

### Plane landing at Newark airport blows tires, skids on runway

**NEWARK, N.J.** (AP)—Authorities say a plane blew tires while landing at Newark Liberty International Airport, sending it skidding on the runway before coming to a halt. United Airlines said Flight 627 from Denver was landing at 1 p.m. Saturday with 166 passengers when the tires blew. United spokesman Robert Einhorn said the plane remained on the runway. The FAA initially said it skidded off the pavement but later said it "veered to the left side of the pavement." The airline said some passengers with minor injuries refused medical attention and no one was seriously injured. The airport reported resuming flights shortly before 3 p.m. but said to expect delays. It later reported operating in "limited capacity" after the National Transportation Safety Board said the plane shouldn't be moved until investigators arrived.

# World

# China denies its vessel intentionally sank Filipino boat

**MANILA, Philippines** (AP)—China has acknowledged its fishing vessel hit a Filipino boat in the disputed South China Sea in an incident that prompted an outcry in the Philippines but denies the collision was intentional.

The Philippines has filed a diplomatic protest after Filipino fishermen said a Chinese vessel rammed their anchored boat on Sunday night then abandoned them as the boat sank in the Reed Bank. Philippine officials strongly condemned the reported Chinese action.

The Chinese Embassy in Manila said late Friday that the Chinese vessel accidentally hit the Filipino boat as it tried to maneuver while being "besieged" by several Filipino boats. It said the Chinese captain tried to rescue the Filipinos but was afraid of being besieged by other boats.

"There is no such thing as 'hit-and-run,'" the Chinese Embassy said in a statement, citing the result of a preliminary investigation.

It's the most serious incident so far in the disputed waters involving fishermen from the two Asian neighbors whose ties have flourished under Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who took office in 2016.

The territorial conflicts, which also involve Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei, have long been feared as a potential flashpoint in Asia. Tensions escalated in recent years after China transformed seven disputed reefs into man-made islands, which can serve as forward military outposts and intimidate rival claimants in the strategic waterway. The U.S. has accused China of militarizing the region and has carried out "freedom of navigation" patrols to challenge Beijing's sweeping claims.

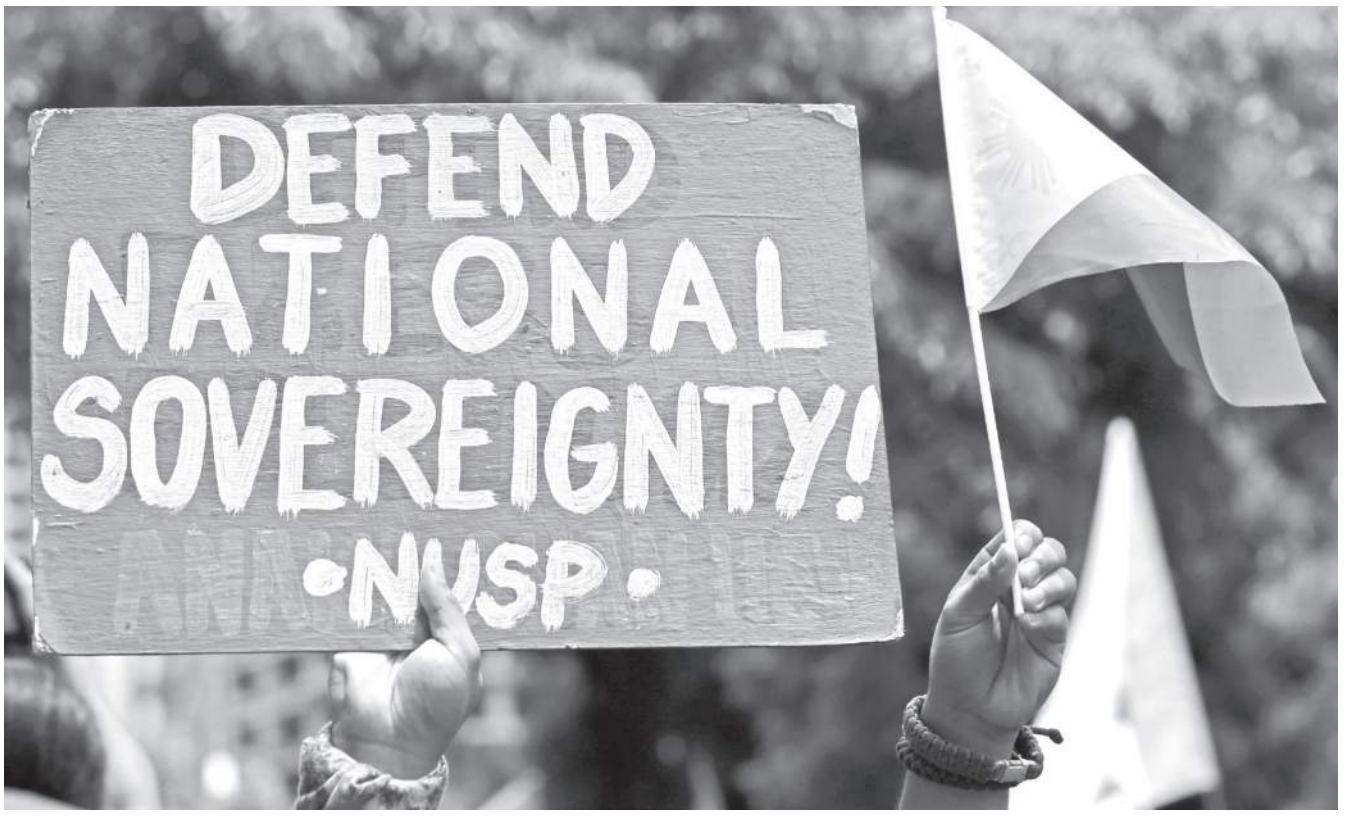
Duterte has come under criticism for his silence on the incident although his spokesman, Salvador Panelo, described the abandonment of the 22 Filipino fishermen after their boat sank as "uncivilized as it is outrageous."

Opposition Sen. Risa Hontiveros said the Chinese government's explanation was "a flimsy attempt at a cover-up to shield the involved Chinese crew from any accountability and shift the blame and responsibility to our distressed fisherfolk."

If there were seven to eight Filipino fishing boats besieging the Chinese fishing vessel, Hontiveros asked why it was a Vietnamese fishing boat that rescued all the 22 Filipinos, as the Philippine military reported.

Hontiveros renewed her call for Duterte to downgrade diplomatic relations with China by recalling the Philippine ambassador in Beijing to strengthen Manila's effort to seek justice and defend its sovereignty.

Philippine Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio, who has done extensive studies on the South China Sea conflicts, said it was the first time that a Chinese vessel has rammed a Philippine fishing boat in the disputed waters in a "quantum escalation of China's aggressive acts." He said it could be the start of a more aggressive campaign to discourage the Philippine presence in an offshore region believed to be rich in undersea gas and oil deposits.




AP

A protester holds a slogan during a rally outside the Chinese Consulate in the financial district of Makati, metropolitan Manila, Philippines to mark Independence Day on Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

# After bill fiasco, Hong Kong chief fights for political life

**HONG KONG** (AP)—Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam steadily climbed her way up bureaucratic ranks to capture the top position in the former British colony, relying on sheer intelligence, ambition, canny networking and an astute deference to authority.

Yet the ground has shifted considerably since she began her civil service career in the 1980s. On Saturday, she appeared to be fighting for her political life as she sought to explain her decision to push through unpopular legislation that would make it easier to extradite suspects to communist-ruled mainland China, which took control of the territory in a 1997 handover.

A key reason for Lam's vulnerability is that she was not directly elected by the territory's people, but rather ushered into office in 2017 by the vote of a 1,194-member committee dominated by pro-Beijing elites—despite being far less popular than her main rival.

She now finds herself caught between a public that never truly backed her, and leaders in Beijing who want her to push through unpopular measures seen to be eroding Western-style economic, social and cultural freedoms that Beijing promised to respect for at least 50 years after it took back control from Britain.

Lam, 62, has a reputation as an efficient and pragmatic administrator. But she was unpopular with Hong Kongers even before she took office because she was seen as a proxy for Beijing who was out of touch with ordinary people.

She said Saturday that she was shelving the extradition bill to avoid further social turmoil following a protest march that drew hundreds of thousands of people on June 9 and violent clashes on Wednesday where police used tear gas, rubber bullets and other tactics, angering the public further.

Lam's insistence that she had the full backing of China's central government in taking her decision likely rang as tone-deaf given skepticism over the communist leadership's motives, especially after a deadly crackdown on student-led pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing's Tiananmen Square three decades ago.

"They understand, they have confidence in my judgment and they support me," Lam told reporters, while also saying the legislation was still needed.

Hours later, Bonny Leung, a leader with a pro-democracy alliance, accused Lam of "ignorance and arrogance." She and other activists urged Hong Kong citizens to turn out en-masse for a march Sunday to demand the full withdrawal of the extradition bill, an apology for the aggressive police tactics and Lam's resignation as chief executive.

Few anticipated that Lam would become embroiled in such friction when she took over from her predecessor Leung Chun-ying, a highly polarizing former policeman who stepped down as chief executive in 2017, citing family reasons.

Lam may eventually, after a face-saving interval, also end up stepping aside, analysts said. That would allow time for Beijing to decide upon a successor that the leadership considers both competent and politically reliable.

"They may not fire her immediately, but her chances for a second term are totally gone now and they may find a reason to let her go without losing much face because now she is hated by everybody in Hong Kong and her administration has become quite ungovernable," said Willy Lam, a veteran political observer.

## ASIAN BRIEFS

### Suicide bomber kills 9 in eastern Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan** (AP)—A suicide bomber walked up to an Afghan police vehicle in Jalalabad, the capital of eastern Nangarhar province, and detonated an explosive device that killed three police and six civilians on Thursday, said provincial health department official Shoaib Sahak. He said another 13 people were wounded, some of the seriously. Attahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the provincial governor, said security forces were the target of the attack. Several of the injured were police, he said. The Islamic State group, through its Amaq news agency, claimed responsibility for the suicide attack. The group claimed eight people were killed. Both IS and the Taliban operate in Nangarhar province, located on the border with Pakistan and considered an IS stronghold. Afghanistan's security forces come under near-daily attacks by both Taliban and IS-affiliated fighters. Afghan forces have suffered staggering casualties in recent years, even as the Taliban hold peace talks with U.S. Peace Envoy Zalmay Khalilzad. He is currently in the Afghan capital, Kabul, trying to restart stalled peace talks aimed at ending the country's 18-year war and America's longest-running military engagement.

### Bridge in China collapses, sending vehicles into river

**BEIJING** (AP)—An entire section of a roadway bridge has plunged into a wide river in southern China, sending two vehicles into the water and leaving two people missing. Heyuan city police said the 120-meter (390-foot) section collapsed early Friday morning. China's Xinhua News Agency reported that two nearby security guards rescued a 44-year-old man, and two other people remained missing. Dramatic footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed two arches of the six-arch bridge falling apart within seconds and without any apparent warning. The bridge spans the Dongjiang river in Guangdong province. The cause of the collapse is under investigation. Southern China has been hit with heavy rains and flooding that has caused 61 deaths, but it wasn't clear if swelling waters were a factor.

### Border Patrol locates missing mother, daughter from India

**TUCSON, Ariz.** (AP)—Authorities say the U.S. Border Patrol has located a mother and 8-year-old daughter from India who had been with a 7-year-old daughter whose body was found in the Arizona desert near the U.S.-Mexico border. U.S. Customs and Border Protection said Friday in a statement that the missing mother and older daughter were taken to a hospital for treatment of dehydration after they crossed back into the United States late Thursday night and surrendered to agents. The statement said the mother and daughters reportedly had been traveling with two women and that smugglers dropped all five near the border. According to the statement, the 7-year-old's body was found Wednesday after agents encountered the other two women who told agents they had become separated from the others hours earlier. No identities were released.

# World

## Ugandan medics now tackling Ebola say they lack supplies

**BWERA, Uganda** (AP)—The isolation ward for Ebola patients is a tent erected in the garden of the local hospital. Gloves are given out sparingly to health workers. And when the second person in this Uganda border town died after the virus outbreak spread from neighboring Congo , the hospital for several hours couldn't find a vehicle to take away the body.

"We don't really have an isolation ward," the Bwera Hospital's administrator, Pedson Buthalha, told The Associated Press. "It's just a tent. To be honest, we can't accommodate more than five people."

Medical workers leading Uganda's effort against Ebola lament what they call limited support in the days since infected members of a Congolese-Ugandan family showed up, one vomiting blood. Three have since died.

While Ugandan authorities praise the health workers as "heroes" and say they are prepared to contain the virus, some workers disagree, wondering where the millions of dollars spent on preparing for Ebola have gone if a hospital on the front line lacks basic supplies.

"Even the gloves are not enough," the hospital administrator said Thursday. "I give them out small small." A nurse nodded in agreement.

The World Health Organization on Friday said the Ebola outbreak is an "extraordinary event" of deep concern but does not yet merit being declared a global emergency . Such a declaration typically triggers more funding, resources and political attention. WHO said $54 million is needed to stop the outbreak.

And yet both Congo and Uganda appeared to lobby against a declaration, with Congo counting the Uganda-related Ebola cases as its own, saying Congo was where the family members began developing symptoms. Ugandan authorities on Friday said they had only one suspected Ebola case remaining in the country.

More than 1,400 people have died since this outbreak was declared in August in eastern Congo, one of the world's most turbulent regions, where rebel attacks and community resistance have hurt Ebola response work. The virus can spread quickly via close contact with bodily fluids of those infected and can be fatal in up to 90% of cases, and identifying people who might have been exposed is crucial.

While Ugandan health workers aren't facing the violent attacks that have killed several Ebola responders in Congo, they remain at risk as they seek to isolate, test and treat for the virus. Basic equipment such as gloves is essential.

At least two nurses at Bwera Hospital might have been exposed as they offered first aid to the infected family. They and some other contacts have since been quarantined in their homes. WHO says at least 112 such contacts have been identified in Uganda since the outbreak crossed the nearby border.

A nurse, who spoke on condition of anonymity to avoid possible retribution, questioned why some people who might have been exposed to Ebola are allowed to stay at home.

"I wish we could coordinate," the hospital administrator said of the apparent confusion over how to manage the outbreak.

Ugandan Health Minister Jane Aceng told the AP on Saturday that district officials in Kasese were to blame for limited medical supplies after delaying in submitting their budget.

"It is clearly the responsibility of the district to order supplies," she said. "If they haven't done the orders we can't supply because we don't know how much they need." As for upgrading the makeshift isolation ward in the hospital garden, she said "it is not economical. It is not cost-effective" to build permanent structures.

Uganda has faced multiple Ebola outbreaks and is a regional leader in battling Ebola, even if this part of the country has never experienced an outbreak. Some Ugandan physicians were deployed to the West African outbreak of 2013-2016, the deadliest in history.

Health workers in this outbreak now have the benefit of an experimental but effective Ebola vaccine that is being widely used, with more than 130,000 doses distributed. Uganda has vaccinated nearly 4,700 health workers, with more vaccinations beginning on Saturday.

Still, corruption is rampant, and many local people are scornful of government officials seen as out of touch.




AP

A health worker prepares an Ebola vaccination for a man at the hospital in the village of Kagando, near the border with Congo, in western Uganda Saturday, June 15, 2019. The World Health Organization (WHO) in Uganda said Saturday that it has started ring vaccination of all contacts of the confirmed Ebola cases including health workers.

## 11 killed, 25 hurt as explosions rock Somalia's capital

**MOGADISHU, Somalia** (AP)—A pair of explosions rocked Somalia's capital and left 11 people dead, the country's police chief said Saturday, as the al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility.

Another 25 people were wounded, Gen. Bashir Abdi Mohamed told reporters in Mogadishu. He said the first car bomb went off near a security checkpoint for the presidential palace and was responsible for nine deaths.

The second car bomb killed the driver and his accomplice near a checkpoint on the road to the heavily fortified airport, he said.

Al-Shabab, which often targets the capital, said the blasts were meant to strike the first line of security checkpoints for the airport and palace. The airport is home to a number of diplomatic offices. The palace is a frequent al-Shabab target.

"I was at a short distance from the blast and I saw several people dead including two women, a passenger and two men, some of whom were elderly," witness Hussein Mohamed told the AP. "This is really very terrible."

Al-Shabab was responsible for the horrific truck bombing in Mogadishu in October 2017 that killed more than 500 people in one of the world's deadliest extremist attacks since 9/11 .

The United States military has dramatically increased the number of airstrikes against al-Shabab in the past couple of years, seeking to limit the territory the group controls in central and southern Somalia and make it more difficult for fighters to circulate.

In a report to the United Nations Security Council circulated last month, U.N. chief Antonio Guterres noted an increase in security operations "and a large number of airstrikes targeting al-Shabab training bases and assembly points" that were deemed to have degraded its operating capability and freedom of movement.

"They have also led, however, to increased al-Shabab movement into urban centers, in particular Mogadishu, where their forces are less likely to be targeted from the air," he said.

Guterres added that Somalia is making progress toward building a functioning state after three decades of civil war, extremist attacks and famine but that insecurity, political instability and corruption remain major challenges.

The multinational African Union force in Somalia continues to gradually withdraw personnel in preparation for Somali government forces to assume responsibility for the country's security. Those forces, however, have been described by U.S. military officials and others as not yet ready for the job.

## Mortar attack on Iraqi base home to US troops; no casualties

**BAGHDAD** (AP)—Militants in Iraq fired three mortar shells early Saturday into an air base just north of Baghdad where American trainers are present, causing no casualties, the Iraqi military said.

The military statement said the attack on Balad air base caused small fires in bushes on the base, which were extinguished immediately.

An Iraqi army general said the attack occurred shortly after midnight Friday. The senior officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with regulations, said American trainers are stationed at Balad air base.

The attack comes amid rising tensions in the Middle East between the United States and Iran, which ratcheted up on Thursday after suspected attacks on two oil tankers near the strategic Strait of Hormuz. Iran has denied involvement.

Last month, a rocket exploded less than a mile away from the sprawling U.S. Embassy in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, also causing no casualties.

On Friday night, a rocket struck a home in Baghdad's Jadriyah neighborhood causing material damage, the Iraqi military said. The military did not say if the rocket had fallen short before reaching the Green Zone, which is located on the other side of the Tigris river.

Like neighboring Iran, Iraq is a Shiite-majority country, and has been trying to maintain a fine line between allies Tehran and Washington. There have been concerns that Baghdad could once again get caught in the middle, just as it is on the path to recovery. The country hosts more than 5,000 U.S. troops, and is home to powerful Iranian-backed militias, some of whom want those U.S. forces to leave.

The current regional crisis is rooted in the U.S. withdrawal last year from the 2015 nuclear deal between Tehran and world powers. Washington subsequently re-imposed sanctions on Iran, sending its economy into freefall and cutting deeply into its oil exports.

American forces withdrew from Iraq in 2011 but returned in 2014 at the invitation of Iraq to help battle the Islamic State group after it seized vast areas in the north and west of the country, including Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul. A U.S.-led coalition provided crucial air support as Iraqi forces regrouped and drove IS out in a costly three-year campaign. Iranian-backed militias fought alongside U.S.-backed Iraqi troops against IS, gaining outsized influence and power.

# Focus

# Uruguay prison turns inmates into entrepreneurs

By LEONARDO HABERKORN
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**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay** (AP)—Rolando Bustamante watches his employees turn out one concrete block after another, occasionally checking an electronic tablet that records orders from clients and that lets him communicate with suppliers.

There'd be nothing remarkable about the scene if it weren't for the fact that the block factory is located in a prison and that Bustamante, in addition to being a businessman, is on the last two years of a 21-year sentence for assault. The workers, too, are inmates and the product will be sold beyond the walls, with part of the profits going to a sort of bank run by the prisoners themselves.

Bustamante's factory is one of dozens of inmate businesses in the old Punta de Rieles prison, which has been transformed into an unusual experiment. Inmates form businesses, work for one another and offer products both to the world within the walls and to that without.

There are bakeries and barbershops, a candy store and carpenter shop along streets where inmates mix with prison officials and police. One inmate carries a begonia he bought from a prisoner-owned nursery to give to his mother when she visits. Not far away, a convict-baker carries a birthday cake to the prison entrance to hand off to a customer.

Of the 510 prisoners, who include thieves, assailants, kidnappers and killers, 382 work and 246 study — some do both. Only a few dozen have shunned those opportunities, and if two years pass, they will be transferred to a traditional prison. To get chosen for Punta de Rieles, prisoners have to have at least a six-month period of good behavior elsewhere.

The prison director is almost as unusual as the institution itself. Luis Parodi was a member of the Tupamaro guerrilla movement that was defeated in 1972. He later spent more than a decade in exile, both in Europe and Latin America.

Asked if there are other prisons in the world of this type, he said, "I don't think so, I'm afraid to say. This is the synthesis of 30 years of work, reading, experiences and failures."

The Punta de Rieles project began in late 2012, with Parodi as deputy director, and he took over as head of the prison in 2015. The bet is that prisoners who work, study, learn a craft or start a business will have a better life and be less likely to return to crime.

"It's been demonstrated everywhere that confinement doesn't change people. Here the idea is to play at reality," Parodi said. "If something fails, it fails. Just like in the real world."

Money to start businesses comes from inmates' families or from a quasi-bank largely administered by inmates themselves.

"It's a fund so that entrepreneurs can get started, that you have the hope of change. Many of us have taken advantage of the opportunity and we're getting ahead," Bustamante said.

Ten percent of the profits go back to that fund, another 10% goes to the government for use of the facilities and 10% goes to an association of victims of crime. The rest goes into accounts for the inmates, though they can't fully access it until they are released.

Bustamante said he was skeptical when he was transferred from another prison and was dumped off at Punta de Rieles by a police van almost five years ago.

"I saw stores, businesses, and I thought, 'Where am I?' Later it clicked in my head," he said. "In common prisons, you continue in a world of violence, thinking about who is going to attack you and how to survive. You can't do anything. A 2-by-2 cell, and locked up all day," he said.

He showed off the shed where he started out making blocks from an old mold and a secondhand shovel. Now he was about to expand his business by hiring a 10th employee thanks to a loan from outside the walls.

Even more successful is a bakery started by two prisoners who have kept it going despite being released and now employ 50 to 70 people. They come back to the prison almost daily and sometimes even sleep there, voluntarily this time.

The experiment has its problems. One inmate complained that the prison mixes people sentenced for relatively minor offenses with those who've committed more serious crimes. Parodi said that's part of the idea — trying to save those considered unrecoverable.

Prison police also often have a tough time coping with prisoners as businessmen. Bustamante said guards sometimes impede the arrival of trucks carrying his supplies.

"In the end, you call Parodi. He's the only one who can solve the problems," Bustamante said.

The prisoners enjoy significant freedom within their confinement: They can largely say what they want, form groups, unions or cooperatives, have a telephone, use the internet and communicate with the outside world, even own a dog. Parodi acknowledged some have taken advantage of that freedom to commit crimes, but he insisted they are few.

Near Bustamante's block factory is the fiberglass workshop of Wilson Resio, a 45-year-old convicted of involvement in a homicide who has been locked up for 11 years. He makes kayaks and other sport equipment. "All the boats of the Uruguayan Rowing Federation are made here," he said.

"This is also a school workshop because we train others in the craft."

Music plays in the shop and the walls are covered with tools. Machinery, industrial supplies and a half-eaten piece of cake are on view. Nothing speaks of prison.

Most prisons in Latin America "are warehousing places with ... very harsh conditions for inmates and they are very unsafe for both inmates and staff, and they basically are schools of crime," said criminologist Yvon Dandurand, a fellow at the U.N.-affiliated International Center for Criminal Law Reform.

With the public in most countries favoring a punitive approach to crime, "it takes courageous volunteers, politicians and others to start projects like" Punta de Rieles.

Uruguayan prison reform activist Denisse Legrand sees Punta de Rieles as "an oasis" in a deeply troubled correctional system. The small country has 11,000 inmates in crowded prisons, and it locks up more people per capita than nations such as Mexico, Colombia or Argentina, according to a study prepared for congress.

Legrand, who directs a nongovernmental organization that focuses on prisons, said that in addition to its educational and labor value, Punta de Rieles "is one of the prisons with the highest levels of security because the humane treatment and coexistence replace the violence characteristic of confinement."

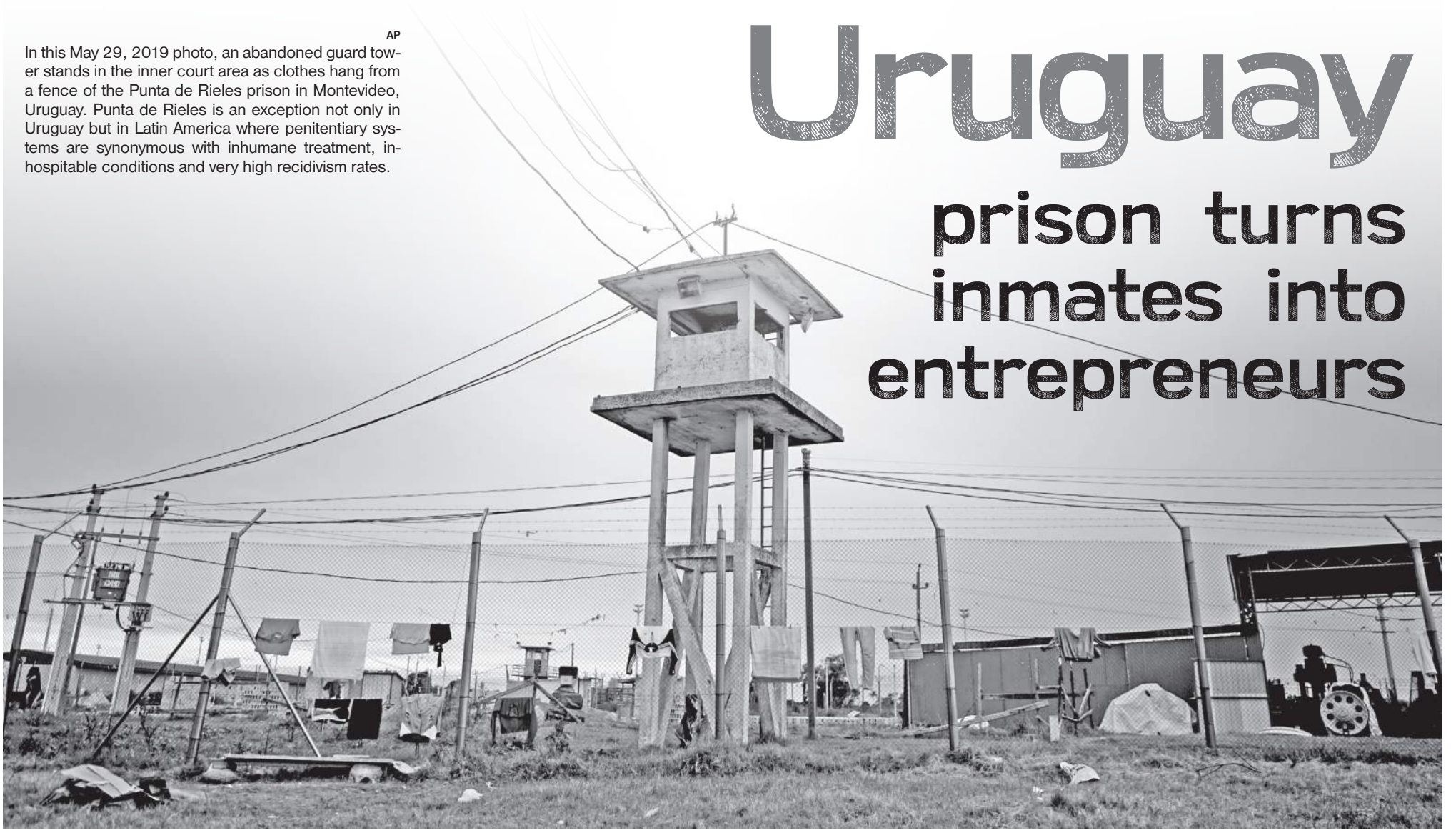
She said the weakness of the project is that so much depends on Parodi.

Juan Miguel Petit, who oversees prison affairs for Uruguay's congress, said he knows dozens of prisons in the Americas and Europe and has never seen anything like Punta de Rieles. "The more we can manage to reproduce the life of a neighborhood, the more we can foresee that the people who leave are going to behave in harmony with others."

Mauro Rodríguez is an example of how the system is supposed to work. He's in prison — but just for a visit this time. He came to repair a machine to make cement blocks that he'd created while spending several years as an inmate. He now has a blacksmith's shop on the outskirts of Montevideo, where he works with his brother.

He'd been part of a band of drug dealers when he was arrested, and said four of his former friends are now dead.

"If it wasn't for Punta de Rieles," he said, "I would be, too."



AP

In this May 29, 2019 photo, an abandoned guard tower stands in the inner court area as clothes hang from a fence of the Punta de Rieles prison in Montevideo, Uruguay. Punta de Rieles is an exception not only in Uruguay but in Latin America where penitentiary systems are synonymous with inhumane treatment, inhospitable conditions and very high recidivism rates.

# Health & Wellness

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## Study finds exercise adds to life expectancy, even for obese

By MELISSA HEALY
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So, what's it worth to lace up those sneakers and break a sweat for about 30 minutes a day? About 3.5 extra years of life, on average—and about 4.2 additional years for those willing to step up the intensity or put in closer to an hour a day of brisk walking or its equivalent, according to a new study.

Even for the severely obese—those with a body mass index above 35—exercising for about 2.5 hours a week at moderate intensity or for 75 minutes at vigorous levels puts average life expectancy a notch above that of a normal-weight person who is sedentary, the research shows.

It's no surprise that exercise is good for you and will help you live longer. But the study published Tuesday by the journal PLoS Medicine sounds a loud wake-up call to "healthy weight" couch potatoes who believe their good BMIs will ensure them a long life.

Even for people with a BMI between 20 and 25, those who told researchers they were physically inactive were far more likely to die in the next decade or so than were overweight or obese exercisers. Among the study participants over the age of 40, the sedentary were almost twice as likely to die during the course of the study than were participants who were highly active.

"This finding may convince currently inactive persons that a modest level of physical activity is 'worth it' for health benefits, even if it may not result in weight control," the study authors wrote.

The results also offer clear evidence that exercise can offset some of the longevity loss that comes with past or continued tobacco use or a history of cancer or heart disease. Among those groups, getting even a modest amount of physical activity restored between 2.5 years (for current smokers) and 5.3 years (for cancer patients) of lost life expectancy. And getting more—or more vigorous—exercise added even more time.

The levels of physical activity that yielded such benefits were modest. The authors of the study observed an uptick in life span even among those whose physical activity fell short of what's recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the World Health Organization.

Dr. Francisco Lopez-Jimenez, a Mayo Clinic cardiologist who was not involved in the research, called the study "very conclusive" and said its enormous scale—it culls data from six major study populations totaling more than 632,000 people—bolstered the strength of its findings.

"We have to set priorities with patients," Lopez-Jimenez said. "First and foremost is to get sedentary obese people to become as active as they can and not to use their weight as a measure of their success. Sometimes, we tend to focus too much on the weight issue and too little on the exercise part of it."

The latest study adds to mounting evidence that a sedentary lifestyle may trump obesity as a corrosive influence on health. In recent years, researchers have found that exercise, even when not accompanied by weight loss, powerfully affects a range of risk factors for cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes.

Many clinicians and researchers complain that this message—that while it's ideal to be lean, it's possible to be fat and fit—has gotten short shrift amid the national furor over obesity. Our widespread laziness, they say, is at least as worrisome as the fact that 1 in 3 Americans is obese.

"We have to get people to understand that it's not all about weight," said Dr. Robert Sallis, a sports medicine specialist with Kaiser Permanente in Fontana, Calif., who has spearheaded the Exercise Is Medicine initiative under the auspices of the American College of Sports Medicine. "Not everyone can lose weight. But everyone can get fit."



While maintaining a normal weight and exercising are both important, physicians and public health officials may do more to improve the nation's health by recommending that their sedentary patients get up and get moving, said study leader Steven Moore, an epidemiologist at the National Cancer Institute.

"You can't lose 30 pounds tomorrow," he said. "But you can start exercising."

## Quinn on Nutrition: Online nutrition tools

By BARBARA QUINN
THE MONTEREY COUNTY HERALD

It was a tricky moment. I was sitting in a coffee shop … pastry shop, actually. In walks a former patient who had come to me for weight management. As she walked to a table with her soda and donut, she pretended not to see me. I did the same. Awkward.

Guess we all need to pick and choose when and where we seek nutrition advice. And besides trained nutrition professionals, we now have a load of reliable tools at our fingertips. Here are a few offered through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and other reliable agencies:

■ **My Plate Plan** www.choosemyplate.gov/myplateplan. Fill in your age, sex, physical activity and goal weight. You'll get a personalized plan that shows you what and how much to eat that fits within your calorie goals.



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■ **Food Composition Database** https://ndb.nal.usda.gov/ndb/ This is the site used by other databases for nutrient information on specific foods. Search for the complete nutrition profile of most any food or find food sources of specific nutrients. Very user friendly.

■ **Pregnancy Weight Gain Calculator** www.choosemyplate.gov/pregnancy-weight-gain-calculator. Enter your height and pre-pregnancy weight and you'll learn how much weight you should probably gain during pregnancy. This site also leads to other nutrition guidance for moms-to-be.

■ **Can I Eat This?** wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/apps-about.

Handy dandy mobile app for travelers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Select the country you're in and answer a few simple questions about what you're thinking about eating or drinking. This app will tell you if the food is likely to be safe and hopefully spare you too many international trips to the bathroom.

■ **Evaluate Health Information** https://medlineplus.gov/evaluatinghealthinformation.html. Nutrition advice is only as good as the source. I just discovered this site from the National Institutes of Health. It features tutorials, videos and other tools to help us discern the reliability and credibility of health information from magazines (and newspapers), television and the internet.

■ Drink Size Calculator. www.rethinkingdrinking.niaaa.nih.gov/Tools/Calculators/drink-size-calculator.aspx. Do we really want to know how much of a "standard" drink is in one souvenir cup of beer at the ball game? This site can certainly help us rethink our drinking habits.

■ **Dietary Supplement Label Database.** www.dsld.nlm.nih.gov/dsld/index.jsp. What's in all those supplements you take and how do they measure up with current dietary recommendations? This site is a joint effort by the Office of Dietary Supplements and the National Library of Medicine. Look up ingredients, products or manufacturers of everything from super body building formulas to vitamins and minerals for seniors.

And if I see you in the donut shop, it will be our little secret.

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# Life & Style

## ‘Gosh!’ Cult comedy ‘Napoleon Dynamite’ turns 15

**SALT LAKE CITY** (AP)— The cult comedy Napoleon Dynamite turns 15 years old this month, a milestone for a movie that became an early breakaway hit in today’s era of pop-culture geek celebration.

The movie created the “Vote for Pedro” T-shirt and made Napoleon’s disgusted version of “gosh!” into a 2004 catchphrase.

Made for just $400,000 by a group of recently graduated Brigham Young University film students, it would ultimately gross more than $46 million after its June 2004 release. A word-of-mouth hit before Twitter and Facebook took off, it was part of a handful of independent comedies that took off in the early 2000s.

“Napoleon Dynamite” tells the story of its curly-headed, socially awkward title character who ultimately triumphs over the high school jocks and cheerleaders because of his quirks, rather than in spite of them.

Its success added to a rising profile for the world’s unapologetic nerds at the beginning of a new wave of geek glory. “The Big Bang Theory,” would debut a few years later and become television’s top-rated sitcom, while comic book movies achieved box office dominance.



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This 2004 photo provided by Twentieth Century Fox and Paramount Pictures shows Jon Gries, as Uncle Rico, from left, Jon Heder, as Napoleon Dynamite, and Aaron Ruell, as Kip, in a scene from movie “Napoleon Dynamite.”

The husband and wife team of Jared and Jerusha Hess mined true-to-life oddball high school moments, from a musical sign language club to puffy-sleeved dresses for school dances. There were also nods to rural life in the tiny city of Preston, Idaho, like the much-quoted line drawn from Napoleon’s mealtime call to the family llama: “Tina, you fat lard, come get some dinner.”

The combination struck comedic gold.

“I think the legacy of the movie is how original it is,” said Glenn Williamson, an independent film producer and lecturer at the University of California, Los Angeles School of Theater, Film and Television. “I like to think something else like that would find an audience today, because I do think people respond to that authentic freshness.”

Shot in just over three weeks, the movie made a splash at the Sundance Film Festival even though it was submitted before director Jared Hess thought it was ready. But producer Jeremy Coon said he knew they had something special from the first edit.

“All of us were starving students coming out of school. A lot was riding on it,” said Coon, who borrowed the money to make the movie from his brother.

Fox Searchlight snapped it up for nearly $5 million, a princely sum at the time.

It started off relatively small in theaters, but with clever marketing and word of mouth, people kept coming back. Nearly three months after its release, it was still earning just as much money per theater, said Bruce Nash, founder and publisher of The Numbers, a movie industry tracking website.

“You don’t really see that today,” he said. The popularity kept up even as it went to DVD.

Most movies with similar longevity were meant to be serious awards contenders or were created by established writers and directors, he said. They also tend to be dramas.

Among the few other comedies are “My Big Fat Greek Wedding,” ″Little Miss Sunshine,” and “Juno,” all also released in the early 2000s. While those were low budget by Hollywood standards, none were on a “Napoleon Dynamite”-level shoestring.

“It still really stands out even among the other films that had similar legs around the same time,” Nash said.

## New Mexico film industry up amid abortion fights elsewhere

**SANTA FE, N.M.** (AP)— New Mexico’s film industry appears to be on the brink of a boom thanks to abortion law controversies in other states and expanded incentives.

A recent spike in film production in the state comes as Hollywood targets both Georgia and Louisiana over recently passed restrictive abortion laws, the Albuquerque Journal reports.

The political developments are being watched closely in New Mexico, which is poised to benefit even though state officials have said there’s no organized campaign to lure film productions from those states.

“I don’t know that we are necessarily using that as a drawing card, because we are a drawing card,” New Mexico Film Office Director Todd Christensen said.

The jump also comes as New Mexico is set to more than double its annual state spending cap on film incentives.

In addition, NBCUniversal announced Friday it will build a television and film studio in a warehouse district just north of downtown Albuquerque as it seeks to expand its footprint in one of the fastest-growing film production hubs in the country.

The company said it entered a 10-year venture with a developer to reshape an empty warehouse into a studio with two sound stages and offices. The studio will be used to produce shows for broadcast and cable channels.

The New Mexico Film Office said the coming Amazon TV series production “The Power” reached out to New Mexico because of Georgia’s political climate.

“The Power” will be a 10-part series based on Naomi Alderman’s 2016 novel in which women around the world suddenly gain the ability to electrocute people.

New Mexico has on its books a 1969 state law that banned abortion in most cases. But the law became unenforceable after it was superseded by the landmark Roe vs. Wade ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.

An attempt to scrap the 1969 law failed during the last state legislative session in the Democratic-controlled Senate. Democrats have downplayed the vote and have vowed to try again in the near future.

New Mexico was one of the first states to launch a film incentive program in 2003 and upped the ante with a new package of film and TV incentives passed by lawmakers during this year’s 60-day legislative session and signed into law by Democratic Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham in March.

The package raises a 2011 cap on what the state can pay out to film and TV productions from $50 million to $110 million per year, while also authorizing the spending of up to $225 million to pay down an accumulated backlog in film incentives.

Film companies receive 25 percent rebates on qualifying expenditures on goods and services in New Mexico. There is a 30 percent rebate for some TV shows.

## Agency recommends current 80K attendance cap at Burning Man

**RENO, Nev.** (AP)—The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is recommending attendance be capped at existing levels for the next 10 years at the annual Burning Man counterculture festival in the desert 100 miles (160 kilometers) north of Reno.

Burning Man organizers had proposed raising the current 80,000 limit as high as 100,000 in coming years.

But the BLM said in releasing the final environmental impact statement on Friday its preferred alternative for the proposed 10-year renewal of Burning Man’s special recreation permit would stick with the cap that’s been in place since 2017.

The agency said it would work with event organizers to address environmental and security concerns, but it’s not advocating at this time any of the changes proposed in the draft environmental impact statement, including a ban on dumpsters or new security barriers.

The federal agency may, however, hire a private security firm this year to conduct drug screenings. Or, it might wait until 2020, BLM spokesman Rudy Evenson told the Reno Gazette Journal on Friday.

“The BLM and cooperating agencies could not support the event growing. The city of Reno, Nevada Department of Transportation, Nevada Highway Patrol as well as the Bureau of Land Management could not support the growth particularly because there are other events going on during Labor Day,” Evenson said.

One third of BLM law enforcement officers nationwide are required to patrol the event at the current size, but one half would be required if it grew to 100,000. Transportation agencies also want to find ways to alleviate the congestion on area roads before the BLM allows any growth of the event, Evenson said.

That said, the federal agency could permit growth of the event in the future if BLM officials and Burning Man organizers find solutions to existing problems.

In an effort to make the event safer and more secure, the BLM plans to hire a private security firm to “screen” attendees for drugs and weapons prior to entering the event, according to the report.

In public meetings, festivalgoers called the suggested drug searches unconstitutional.

Burning Man representatives said in a statement they intend to fully analyze the environmental impact statement.

“Our priority at the moment is the 2019 event, and we are deeply engaged in planning and production,” the organization said.

# Swift calls out homophobes on new song, announces 7th album

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Taylor Swift's latest song has a new target: homophobes.

Coinciding with the announcement of her seventh album, "Lover," the pop star on Thursday released a new tune called "You Need to Calm Down," where she addresses her own haters but also calls out those who attack the LGBTQ community.

At one point on the beat-laden track, Swift sings: "And control your urges to scream about all the people you hate/ 'Cause shade never made anybody less gay."

At another point she sings: "You need to just stop, like can you just not step on his gown?"

"You Need to Calm Down" is the second single from "Lover," to be released on Aug. 23. The song is the follow-up to "ME!," which featured Brendon Urie of Panic! at the Disco and peaked at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart.

Swift also released a colorful lyric video to match the new song on YouTube late Thursday—appropriately during Pride Month. A music video will be released Monday.

On "You Need to Calm Down," Swift even references the gay rights organization GLAAD when she sings, "Why are you mad when you could be GLAAD?/ Sunshine on the street at the parade/ But you would rather be in the dark ages/ Making that sign must've taken all night."

Earlier this month Swift posted a letter on social media asking Tennessee's Republican U.S. Sen. Lamar Alexander to protect LGBTQ rights and support the Equality Act. Swift lives in Tennessee and said she supported the House's recent passage of the act, which would extend civil rights protections to LGBT people by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.



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Taylor Swift performs at Wango Tango on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif.

In the letter, the 29-year-old also wrote that she "personally rejects" the notion that President Donald Trump's administration supports equal treatment of all people.

"The fact that (Taylor) continues to use her platform and music to support the LGBTQ community and the Equality Act is a true sign of being an ally," Anthony Ramos, GLAAD's director of talent engagement, said in a statement Friday. "'You Need to Calm Down' is the perfect Pride anthem, and we're thrilled to see Taylor standing with the LGBTQ community to promote inclusivity, equality, and acceptance this Pride month."

Swift's last album was "reputation," released in 2017. In an Instagram Live session Thursday, she described her new 18-track album as "very romantic."

# OJ Simpson on Twitter: 'I got a little gettin' even to do'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—O.J. Simpson launched a Twitter account with a video post in which the former football star said he's got a "little gettin' even to do."

Simpson confirmed the new account to The Associated Press on Saturday, saying in a phone interview while on a Las Vegas golf course that it "will be a lot of fun."

"I've got some things to straighten out," he said.

He did not elaborate before he said he had to go and ended the call.

Simpson has generally kept a low profile since his release from prison in October 2017 for robbery and kidnapping over an attempt to steal back some of his sports memorabilia from a Las Vegas hotel room.

In the Twitter video, Simpson said his followers would get to read all his thoughts and opinions on "just about everything."

"Now, there's a lot of fake O.J. accounts out there," he said, adding that this one would be official. He appeared to record the message himself and ended it with a grin.

The 71-year-old recently told the AP he was happy and healthy living in Las Vegas 25 years after the killings of his ex-wife and her friend. Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were stabbed to death on the night of June 12, 1994.

Simpson was ultimately acquitted of the crime after a televised trial that riveted the nation and raised thorny issues of racism, police misconduct, celebrity and domestic violence.



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In this Aug. 26, 1994, file photo, O.J. Simpson, right, and defense attorney Robert Shapiro sit in a Los Angeles courtroom. Shapiro, the first member of Simpson's defense team, continues to practice law.

# Aniston to Sandler before kissing scenes: 'Oil up the beard'

**LOS ANGELES** (AP)—When it came to their kissing scenes in Netflix's "Murder Mystery," Jennifer Aniston had one requirement of co-star Adam Sandler.

"I did have him learn to oil the beard up a little bit," the actress said in a joint interview this week. "Conditioned."

Sandler said kissing his longtime friend on camera isn't all that awkward, except when his wife Jackie and children are on set encouraging him a little too much.

"The only awkward part is hearing my wife on the side going, 'Harder! Harder! Kiss her harder! Deeper!" he joked. "They (Jackie and the kids) watched the kissing. They love it. They love Aniston, and they want her to have good things and they say, 'Give her something nice.'"

"That was awkward," Aniston said.

"Murder Mystery" follows a longtime married couple who get framed for murder while they're unlikely guests on a billionaire's yacht in Europe. The movie premiered on Netflix on Friday.

Asked what the movie gets right about marriage, Aniston said teamwork.

"Right, that when it's working good, it's teamwork," Sandler said. "I like that there was no question you and I, our characters, are together, even when we were not getting along. When it was going back and forth with being upset with each other it was never an option of saying, 'I don't know if I can handle this anymore.' It was more like, 'We've got to figure this out.' That's nice."



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Adam Sandler, left, and Jennifer Aniston attend the "Murder Mystery" photo call at the Ritz-Carlton Marina del Rey on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in Los Angeles.

# Sports fan's mania leaves little time for relationship

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I are both 34 and have been dating for eight years. I love him, but I'm tired of him being so selfish and self-centered. His free time revolves around hockey games on the ice and on TV, baseball on the field and on TV and football season TV. Basically, his butt is glued to the couch.

Every day when I get home from a 10-hour day at the office, he's sitting there watching a game on TV, getting ready to watch a game or getting ready to go to a game. I'm lucky if I get a kiss on the cheek and a five-minute "hello" before he's gone or his eyes are glued to that damned TV.

He complains because he wants me to watch with him or join him. Occasionally I will, but honestly, it's not my thing, and I have no interest. I do it just for him, but when it comes to something I want him to do with me, he makes a fuss, doesn't want to participate and makes me feel bad for even asking.

My life consists of spending time alone at the mall every Saturday or Sunday to get out of the house and just get a day of sunlight, or reading a book upstairs in our room. If his weekend games don't start until the afternoon, he literally sleeps in until an hour before.

I'm tired of him being lazy, inattentive and making no effort in our relationship. We are both adults, no kids. We love our freedom, but I still want to do things sometimes as an actual couple. Our lives are boring, sad and depressing. Please give me some advice on how to change this, or do I change alone and finally move on?

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**DEAR AFTERTHOUGHT: You cannot change another person, but there is still time to make some positive changes in your life. I think eight years of this—I hate to call it a relationship—is enough. You have wasted enough time trying to get through to this very limited individual. Find a man you have something in common with to spend your life with. You should have moved out and moved on years ago.**

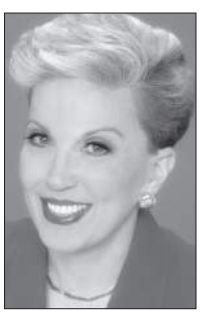
**DEAR ABBY:** For some strange reason, my sister-in-law "Yvonne" doesn't want gifts. She has done a lot for us (babysits, etc.), and when we try to give her a little gift, she says she doesn't want anything. She loves growing herbs, so we gave her an herb-growing kit. She refused to accept it and made us return it to the store. It hurt my feelings deeply.

My husband and I have decided to not get her any more gifts. Her birthday was last week, and we didn't do anything for her. It made me feel terrible. Why would someone not want to receive anything? I feel we are being robbed of the joy of giving.

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## DEAR ABBY

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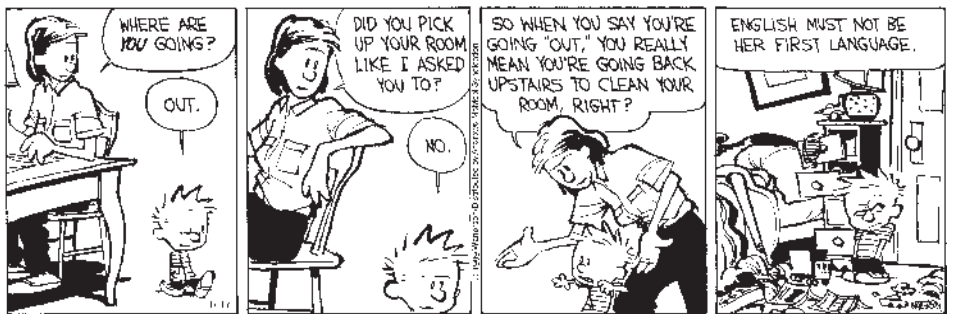
**DEAR GENEROUS: Not knowing Yvonne, I can't explain her personal reasons for not wanting gifts. I do know that some people are uncomfortable receiving them because they consider it to be an obligation—plus they don't like to shop, have no use for the item or it is not their taste. Rather than be upset with her for being honest with you, respect her wishes and on her birthday, send her a card.**

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# Pastimes

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By Bill Waterson



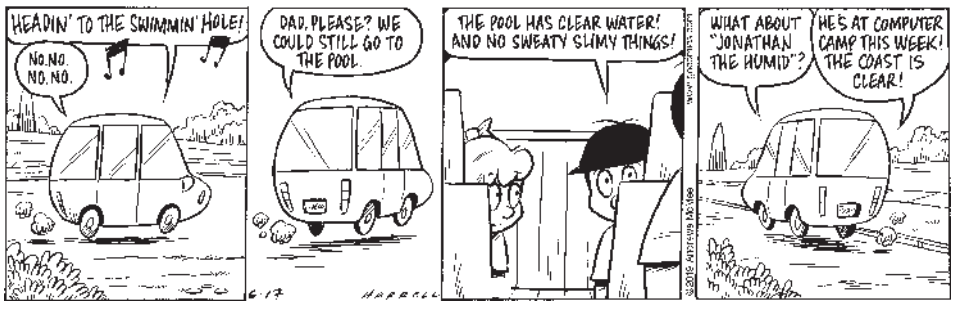

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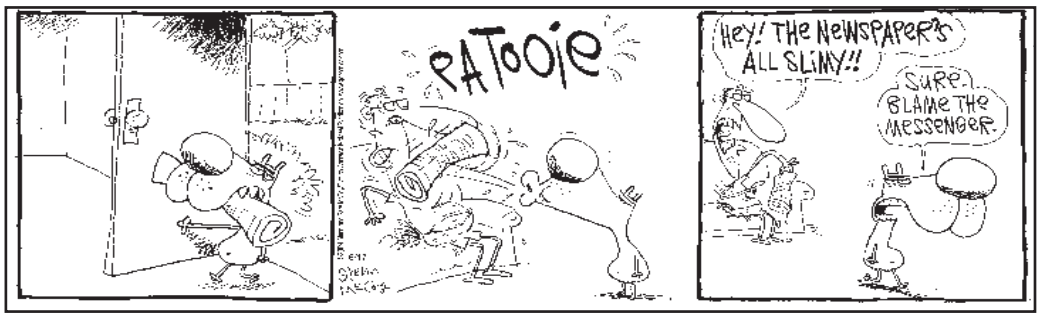

## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset




## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy




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*By Eugene Sheffer*

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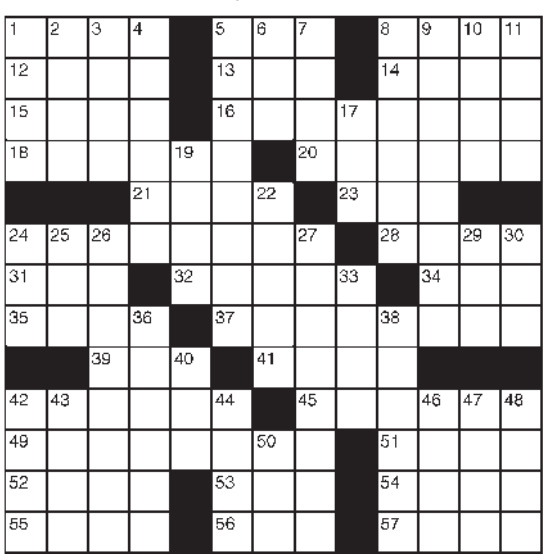
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**Happy Birthday:** You'll have opportunities galore, but not all will be worthy of you and your skills or lead you down the right path. Take your time and consider what it is you want to accomplish. Finding your niche, the ideal path or the people who bring out the best in you should be your ultimate goal. Your numbers are 5, 18, 22, 26, 32, 38, 41.

**ARIES** *(March 21-April 19):* If you are looking for adventure, you won't have to look too far. Stay focused on what you are doing, and be aware of how others feel. Listening to good advice is in your best interest. Knowledge is power. ✪✪✪✪✪

**TAURUS** *(April 20-May 20):* Size up a situation you face, and make a move. Trust in your ability to make things happen. Be blunt about what you can do and what you have to offer. Back away from anyone who is inconsistent or who exaggerates. ✪✪✪

**GEMINI** *(May 21-June 20):* Consider what others want. Partnerships will not be as they appear. Question motives, and decide what and who is worth your time and effort. Walk away from situations that make you feel as if you are being taken for granted. ✪✪✪

**CANCER** *(June 21-July 22):* Make sure you understand what's being asked of you before you agree to participate. Partnerships can be remarkable as long as communication is open and everyone does his or her part. Opportunities are within reach, and gains can be made. ✪✪✪

**LEO** *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Explore what life has to offer. Engage in activities that make you question what you are doing and help you determine what you want to do next. Personal improvement, sourcing new possibilities and starting something new are recommended. ✪✪✪✪

**VIRGO** *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Participate if it will give you a broader view of the way others live and what they do. Having a reference point will help you make better decisions when faced with emotional situations that can affect your performance. ✪✪

**LIBRA** *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* It's lovely to have dreams and to set goals, but before you start trying to make a go of something you've never tried, listen to those with more experience. There is a difference between meddling and protecting. ✪✪

**SCORPIO** *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Don't second-guess what you are capable of doing. Once you get started, the universe will open, and as long as you maintain a positive attitude and a hands-on approach, you will reach your destination. Trust your instincts, and protect your assets. ✪✪✪✪

**SAGITTARIUS** *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* A partnership may be deceiving. There are no stupid questions. When in doubt, ask, and if you aren't sufficiently satisfied with what you hear, bow out. An agreement or contract will require an adjustment to protect your interests. ✪✪✪

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**CAPRICORN** *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Let your emotions motivate you to bring about positive changes at home as well as to important relationships. Striving for a better environment to work or play in will make a difference in the way you perform. ✪✪✪

**AQUARIUS** *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* A dream will become a reality if you are persistent regarding your pursuit. Plan your actions, and don't rely on others to take care of what you want to achieve. Change requires strategic planning and consistency. ✪✪✪

**PISCES** *(Feb. 19-March 20):* The best way to control the outcome is to participate. Change begins within and works its way into every facet of your life if you are consistent and persistent. Leave nothing to chance or to someone else's discretion. ✪✪

**Birthday Baby:** You are appealing, intelligent and outgoing. You are unique and helpful.

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**Conceptis Sudoku** *By Dave Green*

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# Davis traded to Lakers in blockbuster deal

**NEW ORLEANS** (AP) — Several people familiar with the situation say the New Orleans Pelicans have agreed to trade disgruntled six-time All-Star Anthony Davis to the Los Angeles Lakers for point guard Lonzo Ball, forward Brandon Ingram, shooting guard Josh Hart and three first-round draft choices.

The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the trade cannot become official until the new league year begins July 6. ESPN first reported the trade.

The trade pairs the 26-year-old Davis, who is among the game's biggest stars and requested a trade in late January, with 34-year-old superstar LeBron James. It also gives the Pelicans promising young players and the opportunity to acquire more.

New Orleans already had the first pick overall in Thursday's draft and will have the Lakers' fourth overall choice, giving new basketball operations chief David Griffin to add another top-tier prospect to his presumed first pick of Duke star Zion Williamson.

It remains to be seen, however, how well Ingram will recover from a blood clot that sidelined him for part of last season. He was diagnosed with deep vein thrombosis in March.

The Lakers and Pelicans missed the playoffs last season and Davis' trade demand last season caused a palpable degree of acrimony between the clubs because Davis and James share an agent, who told the Pelicans that the Lakers was among Davis' preferred trade destinations. Shortly after the trade deadline passed with no deal, Davis finished out the season as a lame-duck All-Star and the Pelicans fired then-general manager Dell Demps.

The 16-time champion Lakers even disrupted last season with their public pursuit of Davis. Several Lakers players acknowledged they were shaken by thoughts of their possibly imminent departure, and those resulting losses slid them out of playoff position at midseason.



AP

New Orleans Pelicans' Anthony Davis, top, drives to the basket over Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019, in Los Angeles.

Getting the deal done then became a near-imperative for general manager Rob Pelinka and owner Jeanie Buss after the Lakers' latest round of front-office drama. On the final day of their franchise-record sixth straight non-playoff season, president of basketball operations Magic Johnson abruptly quit his job and criticized Pelinka for talking behind his back.

Johnson couldn't resist another backhanded shot at Pelinka on Saturday with a telling series of tweets that began: "Great job by Owner Jeanie Buss bringing Anthony Davis to the Lakers!"

With the Pelicans' front office now run by Griffin, whose relationship with James dates to the championship they won together in Cleveland in 2016, relations between the two franchises warmed enough to complete a trade that will ripple throughout the NBA, indirectly affecting the plans of a number of other teams — namely, the Boston Celtics, who actively sought to acquire Davis and had an arsenal of young talent and draft picks to potentially include in a deal.

Davis is a dynamic 6-foot-10 forward who also plays center, shoots with range, runs the floor, blocks shots and can handle the ball. He has averaged 23.7 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.4 blocks during his career. But in seven seasons in New Orleans his Pelicans teams made the playoffs just twice and won one series against Portland two seasons ago.

His next team features arguably the single biggest name in the game in James — not to mention a three-time NBA champion. Davis also has previously lived in Los Angeles to train during the offseason.

Meanwhile, the Lakers blew up the young core they had patiently assembled with a series of high first-round picks and smart later choices.

The trade also helps launch a new era for the Pelicans under Griffin.

The acquisition of Ball, who has averaged 10 points and 6.4 assists in his first two seasons, gives New Orleans a top young point guard and allows Jrue Holiday to play more at his preferred shooting guard spot.

## *Winners and losers in AD swap*

The Los Angeles Lakers did more than rock the NBA on Saturday with a deal to acquire Anthony Davis from the New Orleans Pelicans in exchange for Lonzo Ball, Brandon Ingram, Josh Hart and three first-round draft picks. They also created winners and losers.

So much for LaVar Ball's grand plans to create a new Lakers dynasty with his three sons. As absurd as the notion always was, it was hard to ignore LaVar's proclamations and predictions after the Lakers' took Lonzo Ball with the No. 2 pick of the 2017 draft. But the Lakers never expressed a hint of interest in LiAngelo Ball after he left UCLA during his freshman season, and LaMelo's future as a pro remains in question. The only thing for sure is the Ball brothers won't be teaming up with the Lakers. Not after the team agreed to ship Lonzo to the Pelicans as part of the trade to secure Davis.

Losing out on Davis hurts. But losing Davis to your hated rival? Excruciating. The Lakers have failed to reach the playoffs for six seasons, and yet still they out-manuevered the Celtics, who reached the Eastern Conference finals a year ago. There's nothing Celtics fans can tolerate less than the Lakers getting better—at the Celtics' expense. Two years ago, the Celtics appeared to have what they needed to make a run at the NBA title. But last season exposed those hopes as ill-founded. Davis could have certified the Celtics is as title contenders again. Now they must look for alternate solutions and curse the Lakers' good luck.

As if the injuries to Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson weren't bad enough. With this monster deal, the Lakers are but a a step away from overtaking the Warriors as the most powerful team in the Western Conference. Apologies to the Portland Trail Blazers and Denver Nuggets. If the Lakers acquire an All-Star point guard, and there's a good chance they will, the West will be ruled by purple-and-gold again.

Even the crawfish étouffée, jambalaya and Jazz Fest get old after seven years in New Orleans—especially if your goal is to win an NBA title. The stage in New Orleans was too small for Davis and his massive gifts. He's a big-market talent who's been languishing in a small-market town. LeBron James will show Davis how to market himself off the court and serve as the ideal on-court business partner Davis needs to win an NBA title. In New Orleans, he was expected to do it all. In Los Angeles, James will be able to show Davis the way.

For those worried that Davis might test free agency after next season, embrace the reality. That's the type of pressure the Lakers should feel to get this right and get it right now. James has three years left on his contract with the Lakers, the Lakers have failed to make the playoffs for the past six seasons and failed to win a title since 2010. No more time to wait. So here's hoping Davis helps ramp up the pressure on the front office to get things right. Lakers fans deserve no less.

## No longer champs, injured Warriors brace for unclear summer

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP)— Steve Kerr still considers Golden State an ideal fit for Kevin Durant.

Whether Durant sees it that way going into free agency next month, Kerr isn't about to guess. Especially now that the two-time NBA Finals MVP is headed for what could be a yearlong recovery from surgery for a ruptured right Achilles tendon.

"Well, the injury kind of throws everything for a loop, so I have no idea what Kevin's going to do," Kerr said Friday. "I know that we all want him back, and we think this is a great situation for him and vice versa. So, hopefully we get him back and keep this thing going with the understanding that he's a free agent and we want what's best for him, and he's free to make any choice he wants. Hopefully he's back, and we will all give him any advice, any counsel that he needs. And ultimately he's going to make his own decision. He's earned that."

A day after losing Game 6 of the Finals to the champion Toronto Raptors, Kerr and general manager Bob Myers braced for an uncertain summer while still trying to cope with the heartbreak of seeing Durant go down in Game 5. Then Klay Thompson tore the ACL in his left knee during the third quarter of Thursday night's 114-110 loss in the final game at Oracle Arena. Durant was injured in Game 5 on Monday night in Toronto, then underwent surgery Wednesday in New York.

"This year more than any other tested the fabric of our team," Myers said. "It's hard to not value a championship as much as I value short of winning a championship, and in some ways more than winning a championship, this year I might have been the proudest of our resolve. I don't know if that's evident. I hear that from people in the Bay Area, the support we've gotten, the things people say about kind of conducting ourselves as champions. That stuff matters. Winning matters, too, obviously. It all matters. Try to continue to hang onto that culture."

# Sale lifts resurgent Red Sox past Orioles

**BALTIMORE** (AP)—After getting off to a miserable start, Chris Sale and the Boston Red Sox are beginning to perform to their usual high standard.

Sale struck out 10 over six sharp innings, J.D. Martinez homered in a third straight game and the surging Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 7-2 on Saturday.

The defending World Series champions opened the season with nine losses in 12 games and were 9-15 on April 23. Now they're 38-34 and can move five games over .500 for the first time by completing a three-game sweep Sunday.

"We're still getting better. We have our own goals we plan on achieving," manager Alex Cora said. "We've got to get to our short-term goals first."

Sale lost his first five decisions and still isn't close to getting his record to the break-even point, but he too is on a roll.

The only run Sale allowed came in the sixth, after the left-hander extended his streak of innings without allowing an earned run to 22.

Sale ended his outing by blowing a third strike past Keon Broxton with runners on the corners and Boston nursing a 3-2 lead. The seven-time All-Star has reached double figures in strikeouts nine times this season and 73 times in his 10-year career.

He gave up six hits, walked one and looked every bit like the pitcher who entered the season with a 103-62 record.

'Early on, I got into some bad habits and we were all able to figure that out," he said. "I feel like I'm pitching a little bit better with my fastball, location-wise."

Martinez hit his 16th home run, the fourth in three games, to provide the Red Sox with a two-run cushion in the seventh. The slugger has 12 homers in his last 28 games.

Boston pulled away to its fourth straight victory with a three-run ninth against Miguel Castro, much to the delight of the thousands of Red Sox fans among the announced crowd of 30,050.

After hitting 11 homers and scoring 20 runs in its previous two games, Boston managed only four singles through five innings before finally breaking through against Dylan Bundy (3-8) in the sixth.



AP

Boston Red Sox's Xander Bogaerts reaches for second after nearly being picked off by the Baltimore Orioles in the fourth inning of a baseball game Saturday, June 15, 2019, in Baltimore.

### Angels 5, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, Charlie Morton lost for the first time in 22 starts and Los Angeles hit three homers in a win over Tampa Bay.

Morton (8-1) struck out nine in six innings, giving up four runs on five hits in his first loss since Aug. 11.

David Fletcher, Justin Bour and Kevan Smith homered for the Angels, who won for the fourth time in five games.

Hansel Robles picked up his 10th save in 12 opportunities.

Yandy Diaz hit a three-run homer, his 11th, for the Rays.

Jose Suarez (2-1) gave up three runs on five hits in 5 2/3 innings.

### Astros 7, Blue Jays 2

In Houston, Yordan Alvarez homered and Jack Mayfield hit three doubles as Houston's rookies led the way in a win over Toronto.

Alvarez became the fourth player in major league history to hit four home runs in his first five games. He sent a solo drive into the upper deck in right field and finished with three hits.

Josh Reddick also homered for the AL West-leading Astros.

Framber Valdez (3-2), another rookie, struck out eight in six innings, allowing two runs and four hits.

Clayton Richard (0-3) yielded five runs and seven hits in five innings.

### Giants 8, Brewers 7

In San Francisco, catcher Steven Vogt hit two triples and left fielder Mike Yastrzemski made a nifty catch for the final out to help the Giants beat Milwaukee.

The Giants rallied from a 5-1 deficit for their fourth straight win.

Christian Yelich hit his major league-leading 26th homer for the Brewers, who have lost three of four. Yelich extended his hitting streak to 12 games and Manny Piña also homered for the Brewers.

Giants reliever Trevor Gott (3-0) pitched an inning and got the win. Will Smith picked up his 18th save in 18 tries. Starter Madison Bumgarner gave up three earned in six innings.

Vogt became the first Giants catcher to triple twice in a game since Steve Nicosia did it in July 18, 1984. Vogt hadn't hit a triple since May 4, 2017.

### Diamondbacks 10, Nationals 3

In Washington, Ketel Marte hit two of Arizona's four solo homers off Stephen Strasburg in a victory over Washington.

Strasburg (7-4) allowed four homers in a game for the second time in his career, the first since August 8, 2014, at Atlanta. Strasburg gave up a season-high nine hits and tied a season-high by allowing six earned runs.

Adam Jones and Christian Walker also homered off Strasburg. Kevin Cron hit a pinch-hit homer.

The Nationals scored all their runs un the bottom half of the first. Trea Turner scored on Adam Eaton's sacrifice fly before Juan Soto and Matt Adams hit solo homers.

Yoshihisa Hirano (3-3) allowed two hits while striking out two in 1 2/3 innings.

### Indians 4, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Shane Bieber pitched impressively into the eighth inning, and Leonys Martin stole home to lift the Indians past the Tigers.

Bieber (6-2) allowed four hits and struck out 12 in 7 2/3 innings. Detroit managed only one baserunner through the first six innings before scoring twice in the seventh.

Martin provided the highlight of the game in the eighth, taking off from third while reliever Victor Alcantara was preparing to make a pitch. Alcantara stepped off and threw to the plate, and although the ball arrived at the same time as Martin, the Cleveland runner's hand knocked the ball away as he reached for home.

Brad Hand earned his 20th save in 20 chances.

Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire was ejected in the sixth.

The first three Cleveland runs came in the fifth off reliever Nick Ramirez (3-1).

### Marlins 4, Pirates 3

In Miami, Pablo Lopez pitched seven strong innings and allowed three runs tas Miami edged Pittsburgh.

Garrett Cooper and Harold Ramirez each had three hits for the Marlins while Starlin Castro knocked in the go-ahead run in the fifth.

The Pirates have lost eight of nine.

Lopez (5-5) gave up seven hits and one walk. He struck out four.

Sergio Romo earned his 12th save in 13 opportunities.

Pirates' 24-year old right-hander Dario Agrazal, a native of Panama, made his debut. He pitched four innings and allowed six hits and three runs, two earned, while striking out three.

Geoff Hartlieb (0-1) took the loss.

## *Yanks near deal with AL HR leader Encarnación*

**CHICAGO** (AP)—A person familiar with the negotiations says the New York Yankees are close to getting slugger Edwin Encarnación in a trade with the Seattle Mariners.

The person spoke to The Associated Press under condition of anonymity because the trade was not complete Saturday.

ESPN was the first to report the deal. It was not immediately known what the Yankees might send to the Mariners.

The 36-year-old Encarnación began the day leading the AL with 21 home runs in his first season with Seattle. He has averaged 37 homers and 109 RBIs in his last seven years.

Encarnación was not on the field with the Mariners as they warmed up for Saturday night's game at Oakland.

Encarnación, who is a first baseman and designated hitter, would boost what is already a power-packed lineup. The Yankees have managed to stay in the AL East race despite a long list of injuries.

Giancarlo Stanton could return next week after being sidelined by biceps, shoulder and calf injuries, and Aaron Judge also is inching closer after he strained his left oblique in April.

Meanwhile, desperate for help in a failing bullpen, the New York Mets acquired reliever Brooks Pounders from the Cleveland Indians for cash on Saturday.

Pounders, who had been pitching at Triple-A Columbus, was immediately added to the major league roster. The Mets (33-36) also recalled right-hander Chris Flexen from Triple-A Syracuse and put him in the bullpen against St. Louis as well.

Right-hander Tim Peterson was optioned to Syracuse, and veteran lefty Hector Santiago was designated for assignment.

In other news, the Mets signed first-round draft pick Brett Baty, a 19-year-old third baseman out of Lake Travis High School in Texas. He received a $3.9 million bonus, below the slot value of $4,366,400 for being the 12th overall selection.

New York began the night 16 for 32 in save chances, the most blown saves in the majors. The bullpen's 5.23 ERA ranked 25th out of 30 teams, and the struggling relief corps was 1-6 with a 9.28 ERA in 16 games since May 27.

Dating to May 21, the Mets had four saves and 12 blown saves.

All that despite trading for All-Star closer Edwin Díaz last offseason, and signing free agent relievers Jeurys Familia, Justin Wilson and Luis Avila?n.

Familia, inked to a $30 million, three-year contract to be Díaz's primary setup man, was on the injured list from May 1-12 with a sore right shoulder and has an unsightly 6.91 ERA in 28 appearances.

"We have confidence that we can get him back to where he's been," first-year general manager Brodie Van Wagenen said.

Díaz is 1-4 with a 3.58 ERA and three blown saves over his last eight outings after a 12-for-12 start to the season.

# Tiger falls out of US Open contention

**PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.** (AP)—Tiger Woods closed with a tap-in birdie for a respectable even-par 71 Saturday, but he's officially out of the mix after Round 3 of the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

Woods' day got off to a tough start when he missed the fairway at No. 1 for the first time this week with an iron. His ball settled in the left rough and he couldn't reach the green from there, failing to get up and down and carding an opening bogey.

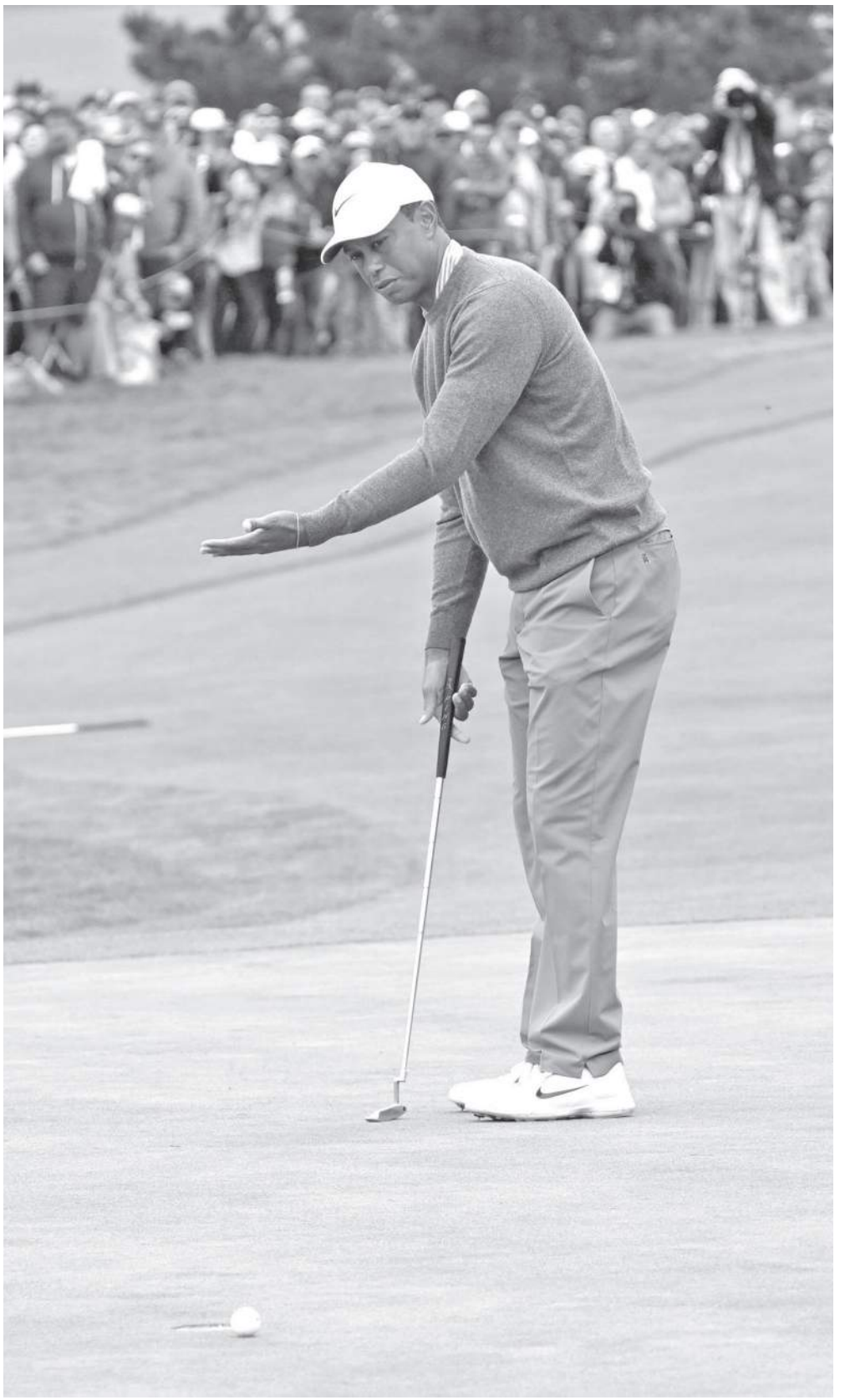
"I got off to a crap start," Woods said. "I had to try to fight back and claw out a round today, which I was able to do."

Overall it was another good day for Woods off the tee and another rough one with the irons. He missed the green on No. 3 from just 120 yards out and added another bogey there. His tee shot was well long of the 98-yard par-3 seventh and Woods three-putted from there, missing a short one for his third and final bogey on the front nine.

"I got off to an awful start, and clawed it around, but still gave myself a chance for tomorrow, which is positive," Woods said. "And we'll see what the weather forecast is for tomorrow. There are a lot of guys ahead of me right now. Seems like everyone is doing what I was supposed to do earlier, which is play 2- to 4-under par through the first seven. We'll see what they do coming in."

Woods also picked up steam at times, including back-to-back birdies at the fourth and the par-3 fifth, where he drained a 24-footer. Woods also dropped a 27-footer for birdie at the par-4 16th, but he wasn't able to take advantage of some of his best irons shots.

Woods stuck it to 10 feet at the par-3 17th but missed the 10-footer for birdie.



AP

Tiger Woods reacts after missing a putt on the first green during the third round of the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament Saturday, June 15, 2019, in Pebble Beach, Calif.

It was a far more eventful showing from Woods than we've seen the past two days, but it didn't change the bottom line. He's not hitting it close enough with his irons and he's not making enough putts when he does.

"I think they did a great job of setting it up so that we can make birdies," Woods said. "And if you do miss them in the wrong spot then you still can get up and down here, which is not always the case."

Saturday's third round was all over the place and most encouraging for the fact that Woods was able to put some birdies on the card—he made five of them in Round 3 and just four total in Rounds 1-2.

Woods also ended things on a high note at the par-5 18th, reaching the green in two after smoking a fairway wood to the front of the green. That left an easy two-putt birdie and a bit of momentum going into Sunday, with conditions looking tougher than they've been the first two days.

"I've had my chances to post good rounds today, this week," Woods said. "Today was a perfect example, I fought back and if I (would have been) able to clean up my rounds the first two days, I would be closer to the lead than I am now."

It hasn't been Woods' best week by a long shot, but Saturday he proved he'll still fight to the finish.

## Woodland hangs on to shaky lead

Gary Woodland will take a one-shot lead into the final round of the U.S. Open.

Woodland narrowly missed a birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole to finish the third round at Pebble Beach with a score of 2-under 69 to get to 11 under for the tournament. Justin Rose made his birdie putt at 18 to get to 3 under for the day and 10 under for the tournament.

Woodland took the lead in the tournament by shooting a 65 in the second round to tie the record for the lowest score for a U.S. Open at Pebble Beach and didn't wilt a bit in the third round as he seeks his first major championship.

Two-time defending champion Brooks Koepka is in third place four shots back at 7 under along with Chez Reavie and Louis Oosthuizen. The 2011 champion Rory McIlroy is alone in sixth place at 6 under after shooting a 70.

Brooks Koepka looks like he will have to come from behind if he wants to win his third straight U.S. Open.

Koepka shot a 3-under 68 in the third round at Pebble Beach to move 7 under for the tournament. He trails leader Gary Woodland by four shots in his quest to become the first golfer since Willie Anderson in 1903-05 to win three straight Opens.

Koepka made par on the 18th after his tee shot was left behind a tree on the right side of the fairway. He got his second shot close to the green and two putted for his 5.

The two leaders made big putts on the par-5 14th. Woodland saved par with a 40-footer that kept him 11 under, while Justin Rose made a birdie putt from the fringe to move to 9 under.

Meanwhile, Jordan Spieth made his first birdie of the day. And then he removed his cap and shook hands with Nate Lashley.

It was the end of his round at the U.S. Open.

Spieth was the latest multiple major champion who needed a good round to get back in the mix and went the other direction. Phil Mickelson put one in the ocean for triple bogey on the 18th for a 75. Spieth made nothing but pars until a double bogey at No. 11. His birdie at the 18th gave him a 73.

# Peyton Manning adds another honor in TN Sports Hall of Fame

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** (AP)—Peyton Manning, the former quarterback with a record five NFL MVPs among the string of awards and honors to his credit, calls his decision to attend the University of Tennessee one of the best he's ever made.

That makes being inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame on Saturday night along with a handful of fellow Volunteers and David Cutcliffe, his former quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator, even more memorable.

"It's very special," Manning said. "I was proud to have played at the University of Tennessee for four years and you go into the NFL, you kind of carry your alma mater with you and have wonderful support from friends, teammates, coaches throughout my career. ... So to be honored and have a chance to reflect on my time in college and all the relationships and memories, it's been very special."

Manning was being inducted along with a group including Cutcliffe, now the head coach at Duke; Kara Lawson, a 2008 Olympic gold medalist who played for Pat Summitt and is now a TV analyst; Charles Davis, a four-year starter at safety and now a Fox game analyst; and Kippy Brown, a former Tennessee coach who also coached seven NFL teams.

A Louisiana native, Manning also was inducted into that state's sports hall of fame earlier this year. Manning not only chose to attend Tennessee rather than father Archie's alma mater, Mississippi, but the quarterback endeared himself to Volunteers' fans for deciding to return and play his senior season in Knoxville in 1997.

Even after Manning left college, he continued his relationship with Cutcliffe, the man the quarterback turned to even during his career in the NFL where Manning was a 14-time Pro Bowl pick and the first starting quarterback to win a Super Bowl with two different teams.

"I would go back and work out with him in the offseason, and he would stay on top of my mechanics and fundamentals and of course a great friend throughout that process as well, so very special ... to be inducted in the same class as Coach Cut," Manning said.

Cutcliffe called Manning one of the special people in his life.

"How lucky can you be to get to basically coach Peyton for 22 years?" Cutcliffe said. "That's good enough there. I could've retired right then. It's just been fun. ... I think the thing that's most rewarding is that Peyton is such a dedicated individual when it comes to his trade. If you're going to work with him, you better get better. And Peyton Manning made me better."

Another inductee didn't play at Tennessee, but Patrick Willis got to try to tackle Manning in the NFL. The former San Francisco 49ers linebacker said he was grateful to be honored as part of what he called an amazing class. And yes, it's easier when not trying to defend Manning on a field.

"He's a genius on the field and off the field," Willis said. "Obviously, on the field, he's a general and yeah it's an honor to have played against him and to be going into the Hall of Fame with him."

Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk also was being honored Saturday night as the 2019 Tennessean of the Year, a big honor for someone who had fans questioning her commitment to Nashville and the state when she took charge of the team in March 2015. Strunk helped Nashville host the NFL draft in April, an event that drew a record 600,000 fans.

Strunk said she hope she's answered any questions about herself after what's been a whirlwind the past four years. Posing for photos alongside Manning, whom her late father tried to sign in 2012, left her a little bit in awe.

"I'm happy to be part of the group," Strunk said.

# Canada, Netherlands advance to knockout stage

**GRENOBLE, France** (AP) — Jessie Fleming and Nichelle Prince each had second-half goals and Canada advanced to the knockout round at the Women's World Cup with a 2-0 victory over New Zealand on Saturday night.

Fleming took a well-placed pass from Prince and scored in the 48th minute to break up a scoreless match. The Netherlands also made it through to the round of 16 with a 3-1 victory over Cameroon in the other Group E match earlier in the day.

Fleming, who made her debut with the senior national team at 15, currently plays for UCLA.

Prince got her goal in the 79th minute, a rebound of Christine Sinclair's header that hit the post.

Led by Tom Sermanni, former coach of Sweden and the United States, New Zealand was hurt in the first half when defender CJ Bott was injured and had to be subbed out.

Canada will face the Netherlands in the team's final group match On Thursday in Reims. Cameroon and New Zealand will meet the same day in Montpellier.

The Canadians had never advanced from the group stage playing outside of North America.

In Valenciennes, Vivianne Miedema scored a goal in each half Saturday to advance the Netherlands into the second round for the second straight tournament with a 3-1 win over Cameroon on Saturday

Miedema put the Dutch in the lead in the 41st minute of the Group E match at Stade du Hainaut and then finished it off in the 85th.

Dominique Bloodworth also scored for the Netherlands in the 48th minute, while Gabrielle Onguéné got Cameroon's goal in the 43rd.

Cameroon is in last place in the group, with no points and a minus-3 goal difference, and it is all but eliminated. Cameroon plays New Zealand on Thursday, and the Netherlands meets Canada in a match that kicks off at the same time.



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Canada's Ashley Lawrence, right, and New Zealand's C.J. Bott vie for the ball during the Women's World Cup Group E soccer match in Grenoble, France, Saturday, June 15, 2019.

### Japan 2, Scotland 1

Mana Iwabuchi had an early goal and then Japan held off a late charge from Scotland for a 2-1 victory.

Iwabuchi, who was on the Japanese team that won the World Cup in 2011, scored in the 23rd minute to give Japan its first goal of the tournament. Yuika Sugasawa converted a penalty in the 37th minute to pad the lead going into the break.

Lana Clelland's left-footed shot went into the top right corner of the net in the 87th minute as Scotland furiously worked to break through Japan's defense.

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Branding and Communications director Klaus Stunzner said.

"Good luck to all the athletes as they prepare for the opening ceremony. A commemorative medal was also released. It will be given to all athletes, technical and team officials, and volunteers," he added.

### Sponsorship target reached

The Pacific Games Office has reached the sponsorship target of $9 million tala set by the Samoa government for the Pacific Games.

In total, 21 sponsors have come on board in just over five month with Digicel the first to sign up in December last year.

Sponsors have contributed both funds and in-kind sponsorship of services that have helped the Games come together. This involves everything from printing accreditation passes for thousands of athletes, officials, staff and volunteers, to transporting people and equipment to Savai'i for the boxing event.

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digits, making 17 and 12, respectively.

The three DC gunners were on target right at the get-go to lift their team to a double-figure advantage, 21-11. Duenas had 7 points, De Guzman added 6, and Flores logged 5, as their combined points alone were enough to jumpstart DC's offense.

De Guzman and Flores were then held to 6 markers in the second quarter, but Duenas found a new backup in his cousin, Ernest, who knocked in two triples and delivered 8 points to widen the gap by halftime, 48-25. Matt also drilled two shots from the parking lot and finished the first two quarters with 19 points to bury the Hoops in a deep hole.

The Hoops fell behind by a big margin, as only Kelvin Fitial registered more than one field goal in the second quarter, while Gio Dancel did the same in the first. The Hoops' offensive struggle continued in the third quarter, while Matt Duenas and company, though they slowed down a bit, made enough baskets to stay comfortably ahead going into the final canto, 68-40.

Up by 28, DC opted to backpedal in the fourth period, while the Hoops failed to capitalize, scoring only six field goals, allowing the former ease its way to the semifinals.

Meanwhile, Loving Hands also moved into the next round after a similar double-digit victory over NMI Contractor, 110-63, in the Group B playoff match last Wednesday.

Loving Hands pulled away in the third period, behind the 11 points of Ed Pangelinan. The Loving Hands shooting guard hit two triples and drew some help from Jun and Junior Tabora, who combined for 9 points, turning their 36-32 halftime advantage to a 60-40 lead.

NMI Contractor, after keeping up with Loving Hands in the first two cantos, scored only two field goals in the third to face a 20-point deficit with only one quarter to go. NMI Contractor managed to play better offense in the fourth frame, however, the final stanza belonged to Pangelinan, who fired 11 triples to finish off their foes.

Pangelinan ended the night with 48 points, 46 were recorded in the second half after he was held scoreless in the second canto. Jun Tabora also had a good shooting night for Loving Hands, as he posted 22 markers.

### Friday Game

**DC 75**—M. Duenas 25, De Guzman 17, Flores 12, E. Duenas 8, Rafols 6, Sablan 5, Rabasto 2, Abobo 1.

**Hoops 55**—Torres 12, Pamintuan 11, Fitial 9, Poblete 6, Dayrit 5, Dancel 4, Tenorio 3, Buenabajo 2.

**Scoring by quarters**: 25-11, 48-25, 68-40, 75-55.

### Wednesday Game

**Loving Hands 110**—Pangelinan 48, Jun Tabora 22, Javier 17, Junior Tabora 10, Quemado 7, Ocampo 2.

**NMI Contractor 63** — Manangan 12, Jugos 11, Darkley 7, Aquino 7, Centina 6, Castilo 6, Guerrero 6, Morales 5, Esmores 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 23-18, 36-32, 60-40, 110-63.

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ping a single set in the five-day tournament. In the singles event, he gave up no more than one game to his foes and blanked his first two opponents. In doubles, Lee and Ryu allowed their first two opponents to a combined two points before yielding four to fellow CNMI players Isaac Heo and Eugene Park in the second set of their semis game. Park was last year's doubles champion, partnering with Ryu.

Meanwhile, FSM players stood out in the boys U14 and girls U16 singles and doubles events.

No. 1 seed Jones George gave FSM the boys U14 singles title after beating No. 2 Daniel Kang of the CNMI, 6-1, 6-0. George also played in the doubles finale and worked with Theodore Ned in outclassing Palau's Kaekoa Mamis and Ton Perez in the finals, 7-6, 6-1. Joining the FSM and Palau players in the Top 3 were the CNMI's Anthony Gregoire and David Kwon, who labored through a 5-7, 6-1, 10-7 victory over No. 2 seed and Guam's Jacob Jackson and Aarman Sachdev.

In the girls U16 age group, Anne Skilling gave FSM to more titles. She topped the singles event, which had a round-robin format, after earning a perfect 3-0 record following her 6-2, 6-2 triumph over compatriot Ridianne Wolphagen. In the doubles finals, Skilling this time teamed up with Wolphagen in defeating the CNMI's Maria Gregoire and Isabella Sipos, also of FSM, 7-5, 6-3.



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Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association official Jeff Race, left, and ITF Development Officer, Pacific Oceania Gary Purcell, right, pose with the Top 2 placers in the girls U16 doubles event of the 2019 North Pacific Regional Championships during the trophies presentation last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club.

In other results, the unranked Alicia Addison of Guam completed her stunning show in the regional tournament after downing No. 4 seed and CNMI bet Helen Kim in their girls U14 singles title game, 6-1, 6-3. In the battle for third place in the division, the Commonwealth's Hyejin Elliot prevailed over FSM's Leila Etscheit, 7-5, 6-1.

Elliot and Etscheit met anew in the girls U14 doubles finale with the former partnering with Kim and the latter with Movida Jerry. The CNMI duo took the opening set of their title match, 6-4, but missed getting the division crown when the FSM players won the second set in similar scores, sending the game in the super-tiebreaker third. Jerry and Etscheit went on to frustrate the hometown bets after recording a 10-5 victory.

### Guam sweeps U12 team event

Guam was unscathed in the boys and girls U12 team event.

Guam Girls 1 finished the round-robin tournament with a 6-0 record, earning the perfect slate following a 2-1 win over CNMI Girls 1 in the deciding pairing last Friday. Freemont Gibson and Sydney Packbier topped Irin Chung, 6-1, 6-1, and Dana Lee, 6-3, 6-2, respectively to secure the division championship. Chung and Lee averted a shutout loss after taking the doubles game, 6-3, 6-0, to finish third out of seven teams after logging a 4-2 record.

FSM 1 placed second, while Guam 2 was ranked fourth and followed by CNMI 2, Guam 3, and FSM 2.

In the boys division, a 3-0 victory over CNMI 1 gave Guam 1 the title, as the visiting team completed the tournament with a 5-0 record. The champion team is made up of Ryunosuke Roesch and Johnny Jackson with the former dominating the Commonwealth's June Yu, 6-1, 6-0, and the latter beating Juncheol Hwang in the other singles game, 6-2, 6-3. The Guam players also took only two sets in beating Yu and Hwang in the doubles, 6-1, 6-3.



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# Lee reigns supreme in U16



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The CNMI's Sean Lee returns to Guam's Jacob San Augustin during a pool play game in the boys U16 singles event of the 2019 North Pacific Regional Championships. Lee topped the division after beating fellow CNMI player Sam Ryu in the finals, 6-0, 6-1.

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The CNMI's Sean Lee bagged a pair of titles after ruling the boys U16 singles and doubles event of the 2019 North Pacific Regional Championships last Friday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan tennis courts.

Lee first clinched the singles crown after sweeping fellow CNMI player Sam Ryu in the finals, 6-0, 6-1. The two Commonwealth players were then handed the doubles championship, as one of their opponents in the title match had cramps and could not play. Lee and Ryu were supposed to duel the Federated States of Micronesia's Deavyn Etscheit and Nolen Narruhn in the doubles finale.

The 15-year-old Lee earned two division titles without drop-

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## Samoa 2019 Pacific Games medal designs released

Images of the medals that will be awarded at Samoa 2019 XVI Pacific Games have been released.

Just over 2,300 medals will be awarded in the 27 sports, with the first set of medals to be given in the open water swimming competition set for July 8.

There will be 323 individual medal ceremonies, with hand-carved wooden trays to be used for the presentation. The medal design used parts of the same work that can be seen on Apia's Clock Tower, street banners throughout Upolu, and at the airport arrivals hall and Savai'i ferries.

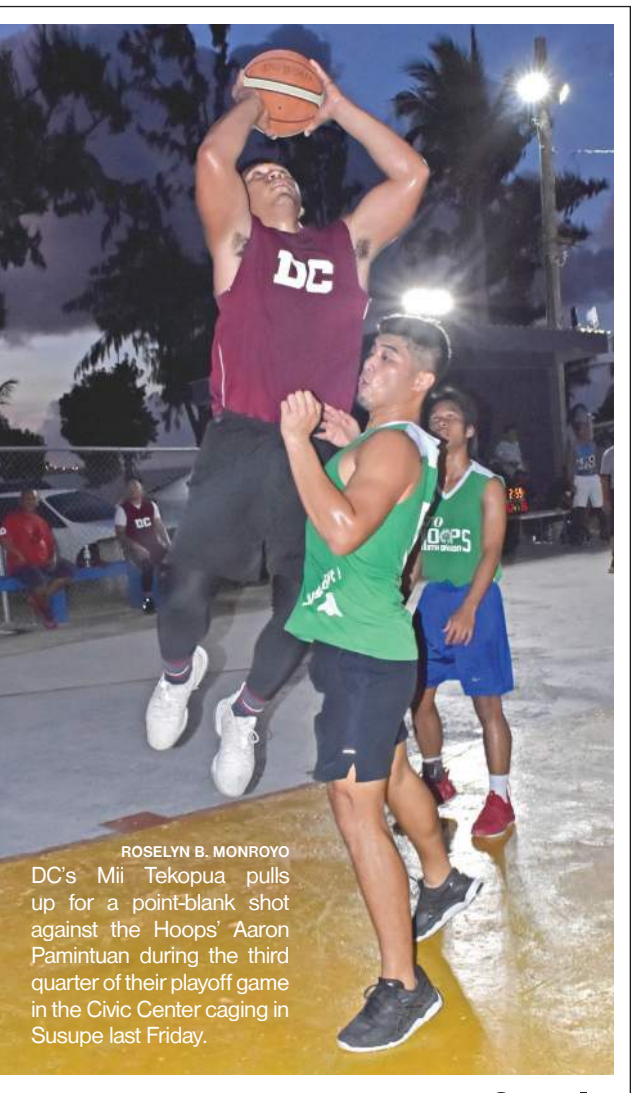
"The Samoa 2019 medals incorporate traditional Samoan designs that are used throughout our Games imagery and branding. Medalists from around the Pacific will be departing our country with a token of our culture that we hope they are proud of,"

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Organizers of the 2019 Pacific Games in Samoa present the medals at stake in next month's competition.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

DC's Mii Tekopua pulls up for a point-blank shot against the Hoops' Aaron Pamintuan during the third quarter of their playoff game in the Civic Center caging in Susupe last Friday.

## DC eases way to semifinals

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No. 1 seed DC coasted to the semifinals in Group A of the 2019 Civic Center Basketball League following a 75-55 demolition of the Hoops last Friday in Susupe.

Matt Duenas led DC's lopsided victory after scoring 25 points, while Jaymark De Guzman and Gerald Flores also finished in twin

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